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Visiting Oklahoma leaders immersed in tribal history

Tribal leaders and others recently met in Ada with Leadership Oklahoma members. From left, Choctaw Nation Chief Gregory Pyle, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, East Central University President Richard Rafes, Cherokee Nation Chief Chad Smith and Seminole Nation Chief Enoch Kelley Haney.

ADA, Okla. - Tribal history, sovereignty and the relationship of tribes with the state were major topics of discussion during the Leadership Oklahoma sessions conducted March 29 through 31 in Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by leaders of five other tribes, historians and tribal employees who spoke to Leadership Oklahoma Class XX.

"We hope this event will help foster a better understanding of tribes and the relationship between tribal nations and the state of Oklahoma," said Gov. Anoatubby, who is a Leadership Oklahoma Class III graduate.

Another highlight of the three-day event was a panel including Gov. Anoatubby, Cherokee Chief Chad Smith, Choctaw Chief Gregory Pyle and Seminole Chief E. Kelley Haney.

Tribal leaders took part in a discussion entitled "Tribal Governments Past and Present." After brief presentations, each answered a number of questions from the class concerning a variety of issues facing tribal governments.

Oklahoma State Representative Wes Hilliard and State Senator Jay Paul Gumm spoke about the relationship tribes have with the state.

Rep. Hilliard pointed out that tribal health care facilities, police departments and other programs help reduce the size of the state budget.

"The partnership Oklahoma has with the tribes is a blessing," said Rep. Hilliard, who

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Keeping language alive a priority

Realities of boarding school era

Pauline Brown

Pauline (Carpenter) Brown is an outstanding example of a strong Chickasaw who held onto her culture through the Indian boarding school experience.

Mrs. Brown recently spoke to members of the Chickasaw Nation multimedia department as part of a project to create a video to be shown during a reunion of Chickasaw boarding school students.

The reunion, scheduled June 23 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla., will celebrate the survival of the Chickasaw culture and language through the boarding school era.

Mrs. Brown was often punished for speaking the Chickasaw language while a student at Goodland Indian Orphanage from 1947 to 1952.

More than 50 years after that experience, she is actively involved in helping preserve her cherished Chickasaw culture, so it will live on in the lives of future generations.

She is a member of the Chickasaw Language Committee, the Chickasaw Elders Council and a member of the Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors.

Goodland Indian Orphanage holds "good and bad" memories for Mrs. Brown.

"When some of us Chickasaws got together we would speak our language and we thought that was good," said Mrs. Brown. "But they (school officials) thought it was bad."

Punishment for speaking her Chickasaw language included

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Gatherings bring citizens together in eight U.S. cities

The Chickasaw Nation saw hundreds of citizens from across the country attend a recent series of Chickasaw Gatherings hosted by the tribe.

Tribal representatives traveled to eight different cities to meet and speak with citizens, answer questions and provide program information and registration.

"We were happy with the turnout at each location," Governor Bill Anoatubby, who also attended the meetings, said. "We were able to reconnect with friends we had not seen in quite some time and met many new friends as well."

Cities visited included Phoenix, Tulsa, Albuquerque, Denver, Dallas, Ardmore, Okla., Fairfield, Calif., and Pasadena, Calif.

Chickasaw citizen Ruth Baker, of Valencia, Calif., attended the meeting in Pasadena with her husband, Dave. She said they learned about a lot of new programs they found useful.

"We have grandchildren in college," Mrs. Baker said, "so there were a lot of education programs we will take back to them. We picked up the paperwork for them."

Participants were able to gather information and speak to representatives from the housing, health, aging and education divisions as well as the Division of Commerce and Chickasaw Nation Industries.

Approximately 100 new citizenships were filed during the meetings as several citizens took advantage of the opportunity to enroll their children and relatives.

Vadare Cornelison, a citizen from Albuquerque, said she truly enjoyed the meeting and was happy to see that so many Chickasaws lived in her area. She even spoke with a tribal representative about starting a local group to get together on a regular basis.

"I would really like the op-

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 16, 2007

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Traile G. Glory, Michael F. Wingo, Paul Yates, Barbara Goodman, Melissa Walker, Monica Mulsom, Rita Loder, Tony Choate, Robyn Elliott, Kevin McDonald

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 16, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the February 16, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No Report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No Report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 24-020, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant clients are assisted with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. Services provided include crises counseling, safety planning, education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and the program facilitates a weekly support group called "Spirit Circle." Many referrals are made to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native America and non-Native American victims.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-020 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-023, Utility Easement in Stephens County

This resolution approves an additional 22 foot (22') wide (east to west) by 40 foot (40') long (north to south) utility easement adjoining a previously conveyed utility easement to the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation, for constructing, maintaining and operating public utilities across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation for these utility easements is waived for providing utility services to the Duncan Senior Site.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-024, Right-of-Way in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for drainage purposes along Rogers Road across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-024.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-025, Right-of-Way in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to construct a portion of the roadway on Merle Wolfe Road that connects to I-35 across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-025.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-025 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported there will be an optometrist at the Purcell Clinic once a week, and a dentist and an assistant will be at Carl Albert two Saturdays a month. Ms. Green concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Briggs stated the recent wind storm damaged the roof at Burney Institute. Repairs are underway.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-004, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

This resolution amends the rules and procedures for the election of tribal officials in the Chickasaw Nation.

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Chickasaw graduates now prepare to fulfill their dreams

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

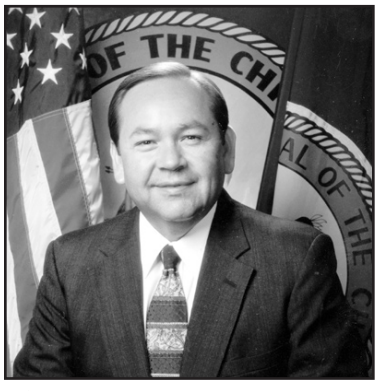
May is one of the greatest months of the year because it is during this month that our Chickasaw high school seniors graduate.

Inside this edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, you will find the photographs and biographies of scores of Chickasaw graduates. You will read about their activities, their achievements and their families.

And you will read about our graduates' future plans. Many will attend college with plans to graduate and begin careers as professionals. Some will learn a trade or vocation and apprentice with a master as they develop lifelong skills. Some will volunteer or engage in mission work prior to entering the world of work or study.

The paths upon which the graduates are about to embark mark that point in life when choices have life-changing impacts. For their elementary and secondary school years, this year's graduates have been guided through the experience that is universally familiar to Americans. We grow up together, attend school and play sports together. We attend the same churches and go to the same community events. Life has a sameness and familiarity with which we become accustomed as young students.

Of course, that existence is about to change. How each graduate manages that change will in many ways determine his or her future.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

These young people will soon come face-to-face with that first big fork in the road. Each must decide which path to take. Each must think and measure what the result of each choice might be. These are their first, important steps on the way to becoming productive, contributing adults.

Many will make excellent choices and be off and running. Some will begin down one path, reverse course, then choose an alternative. And some of our graduates will experience forward and reverse a number of times before settling on the proper path.

Those are the events so many of us have experienced in the past. It is all a part of growing and maturing. These choices are a natural part of life.

Some graduates will be speeding down a well-defined course, while others will be negotiating hair-pin turns. But all of our Chickasaw graduates, I am confident, will eventually attain the goals they have set.

Within just a few short years, the graduates we read about today will be architects and writers, builders and managers, physicians and carpenters. They will have learned about philosophy, history, science, nature, mathematics, literature, culture and so much more. Now is the time in their young lives when their minds are open to the world. And our 2007 graduates will emerge as one of the most highly educated, highly trained classes in our tribal history.

Whatever their choices, our 2007 class of Chickasaw graduates promises to be a positive force in our world. For our graduates, their families and their futures, we wish success and fulfillment.

Graduates, we are very proud of you. Your tribe will always support you as you enter your new role as adult, student, and seeker.

Te Ata honored by First Americans in the Arts

Te Ata

First Americans in the Arts recently selected legendary Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata recipient of the "Legacy Award" during the organization's annual awards ceremony.

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel accepted the award on behalf of Te Ata's family during the ceremony conducted April 14 at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Te Ata, whose name means "Bearer of the Dawn," gained international fame presenting a unique one-woman show of American Indian heritage and culture to audiences across the United States, Canada and Europe.

For decades, her creative performances delivered to kings, queens, presidents and everyday people helped inspire greater respect and understanding of American Indian culture and heritage.

"It is very fitting for Te Ata to receive the legacy award from this organization," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Her life's work helped pave the way for the success of many American Indians in the arts, and in all walks of life.

"She has inspired many people through the years, and her life and achievements are sure to inspire many for generations to come."

Te Ata was born Mary Thompson and raised in Tishomingo, Okla.

She was the daughter of a treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation and niece of a tribal governor.

Te Ata first learned of the beauty and wisdom of Indian culture from her father, Thomas, who told her a variety of Indian stories. Her mother, Bertie, taught her about useful and medicinal plants.

As a child, Te Ata displayed a natural athletic ability and thoughtful nature which were later carried into her career with great success.

She was a frequent guest of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in the White House and performed before King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England.

It was in her honor that the Roosevelts named "Lake Te Ata" in upstate New York.

In 1933, she married Clyde Fisher, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York.

Te Ata was named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame on Statehood Day 1957.

She was named the first "Oklahoma Treasure" in 1987. Te Ata died in 1995 at age 100.

A selfless supporter of education, she donated all proceeds from her documentary, "God's Drum," to provide scholarships at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Her life is the subject of one film, a play and three books.

First Americans in the Arts (FAITA) is a non-profit organization created to recognize, honor and promote American Indian participation in the powerful arena of the entertainment industry, incorporating the areas of film, television, music and theater.

FAITA presents an annual award ceremony recognizing outstanding achievement, performances and contribution by and to the Native American Indian entertainment community.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Red Earth Festival registration open

OKLAHOMA CITY - Dozens of Chickasaws are expected to join citizens of more than 100 tribes from across North America for the 2007 Red Earth Festival June 1 through 3 in Oklahoma City.

Organizers say that the celebration of American Indian art, dance and culture is one of the most respected visual and performing arts events of its kind.

The Red Earth Festival has won numerous awards, including recognition as a top 100 Event in North America, by the American Bus Association.

It was also recognized as Oklahoma's Outstanding Event by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism & Recreation.

Dozens of tribal dignitaries, officials, princesses, color guards, drum groups, tribal programs and community organizations are expected to take part in the parade 10:30 a.m. June 1 through the streets of downtown Oklahoma City.

The Red Earth 5K Run and one mile Fun Walk will be 8 a.m. Saturday, June 2 at Regatta Park along Oklahoma City's Oklahoma River.

More than $75,000 in total prize money will be awarded to dancers in numerous categories.

Adult artists will vie for $35,000 in total prize money in the juried art competition.

Art categories include basketry, drawing, painting, cultural items, photography, jewelry, pottery and others.

Youth artists will compete for $5,000 in prizes.

The Red Earth Benefit Auction opens the celebration Thursday, May 31 at the Cox Convention Center.

Registration deadline for the parade is Friday, May 18.

Pre registration for dancers is available online through May 20.

For more information log on to www.redearth.org or call (405) 427-5228, fax (405) 427-8079 or email info@redearth.org.

You may also contact dance coordinator Jim Anquoe at dance@redearth.org or executive director Connie Yellowman at eyellowman@redearth.org

New hospital plans include room for future expansion

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! It's graduation time all across the Chickasaw Nation. Kudos and congratulations to our high school graduates. We hope that you will take advantage of the scholarships and other financial aid that is available to you from the Chickasaw Nation. We wish you God speed in all your future endeavors.

The Health Care Committee met with Administrator Bill Lance on April 9. He reported that the committee is currently choosing the materials for the new hospital. He also reported that the hospital will include room for CT scans, biopsies, teleradiology, telemedicine, bone density scans and MRI. All I can say is "wow."

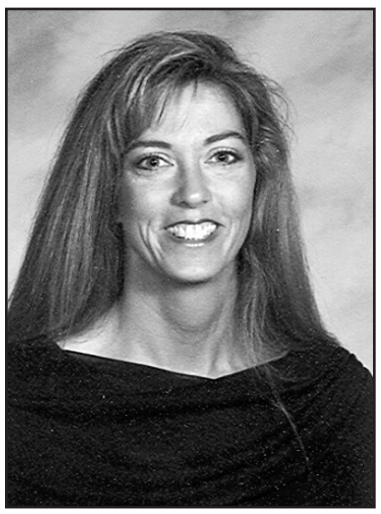
The new hospital will be built to meet the expanding needs of Indian people within the service area. We are also working hard to expand services to Chickasaws who live outside the service area. We have an excellent working relationship with the Indian Health Service which will help us meet our goals. As you know, for years the patient load of our current facility has far exceeded the amount planned for back in 1980. We will be very excited to see the construction actually begin on the new facilities.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the first quarter of 2007 (January through March), there were 627 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 43,209. First Quarter Emergency Room visits were 3,135. The first quarter saw 759 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 7,972 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 12,951 patients in the first quarter. The Ardmore Clinic saw 8,773 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 6,371. The Durant Clinic saw 7,501 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 4,541 in the first quarter.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Constituents staying in touch provides a look at history



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

It was exciting to hear from some of you this past month. I always enjoy the phone calls, letters, and emails. Visiting with Chickasaw citizens is a huge part of my life and is very important to me. I am fascinated and interested in the history/future of each Chickasaw family. I want to share with you some of the people I have encountered.

For example: Occasionally, I will get the cutest cards from **Michele of California**, updating me on her son and his progress through college or **Mr. Young of Vinita, Ok**, sharing ideas on how to help those with diabetes. **Mr. Brown of Stonewall**, who just decided to call and chat. A couple of days ago, I received an email from **Chris Krag stationed in Germany.** She shared about her family history and other Native Americans she has met while in the service. **(A big thank you for serving our Country!)** Then there is **Mr. Potts** who emailed to inform me of how we are related. When I went to the local store I had a nice visit with **Mrs. Underwood of Yarnaby. Joe and Olene** are active in the Senior Citizen Nutrition Site located in Achille, Oklahoma. Olene makes homemade fried pies for the Indian Taco Sale Day.

The Nutrition Site also received a new fifteen passenger van. More road trips are in store for this group! Some of the ladies have been working on a quilt. When it is complete, the quilt will be put up for sale or raffle. (So get your money ready) It is nice to see the elders gather. If you live in or near the Panola District come on over to the Achille Senior site for a visit and enjoy the company of our citizens and maybe get a ride in the new van!

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From left, Even Gilmore, Pat Mosley, L.D. Love, Melba Love, Mary Cox, Loretta Simon, Rosa Gilmore, and Yankee Jimmy Jack.

From left, Loretta Simon, Mary Cox and Rosa Gilmore.

Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Tribal businesses help fund summer camps for our youth

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi Everybody – and Happy Spring!

The fresh colors of spring are wonderful.

So much activity all over the Chickasaw Nation. The Education Department is very, very busy processing all the applications for summer camps and end of school scholarships. The programs for our youth represent the realization of many of our Tribe's goals for them. The panorama of opportunities offered our youth is awesome. There are camps for baseball, golf, music, art, entrepreneurship, space and many others. Call the Education Department at 580-421-7711 for a complete list of activities being offered.

As our businesses flourish our Enterprise Division expands at a mind-boggling pace. I serve on the Tribal Utility Board and through that association I am totally aware of that activity.

We now offer service in electricity, gas and water throughout the Tribal Utility Authority. Twenty-five homes are going to be built near the Winstar Golf Course (which has been nominated by Golf Digest as one of the most outstanding new courses in the United States!) and we are negotiating the service of water to the homes. A hotel is moving off the drawing board to become a reality, also at the Winstar location. The hotel is also a project of a developer and will greatly enhance that entire area. A Microtel owned by the Tribe is already located near the casino but cannot even begin to accommodate the need. We welcome the addition of the beautiful hotel.

The revenue from the popular casino is channeled into tribal projects which could continue to support Tribal services to our citizens, should casinos ever become not possible because of laws to that effect. (For those of you living distances away from the Nation, Winstar is located just off Interstate I-35 between Dallas and Oklahoma City and just North of the Red River as one enters Oklahoma from Texas at Thackerville.).

The very effective listening conferences continue. If you live in an area where it might be possible for you to attend, please do so. The conferences are enlightening both for present services and for services planned for our future.

Prepare for summer heat and take care in all you do. And may God bless each of you, everyday.

Linda Briggs

Your help needed to extend funding for diabetes prevention and treatment

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Your support is needed in helping to secure funding for the prevention and treatment of diabetes in Indian country. If you have ever thought of getting involved in a political activity, now is the time to do it. I remember the time that I heard there was new money being allocated by Congress for diabetes in Indian country through the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Shortly after that time, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) was formed, and I had the opportunity to join the committee in 1998. We have worked with Indian Health Service (IHS) to assure that diabetes dollars are allocated to tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation and other Oklahoma tribes. I represented the tribes of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas as a TLDC member.

In April 2007, the Chickasaw Legislature passed a resolution supporting continued funding for diabetes dollars through IHS. These dollars are needed, and funding will run out in 2008. What we are attempting to do is garner the support from congress to assure that the dollars will be funded when 2008 rolls around. Much progress has been made toward the prevention of diabetes in Native Americans, but we are not where we need to be. We still have higher morbidity and mortality rates than other races of people. Our children are developing diabetes at younger ages than I ever thought would be possible. What was at one time called adult onset diabetes now strikes children at ages such as 15, 10, nine, and even younger.

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has recently circulated a letter to elected congressmen and senators from all states. Congressman Tom Cole, Republican from Oklahoma, recently pledged his support by signing the letter. What you can do is visit the NIHB web site at www.nihb.org to find out how your state is doing. Many states have had 100% sign on from their elected officials. Montana is an example of that. Oklahoma has not had 100 percent support, but we are working toward that. If you are in Washington, D.C. for a visit, go and see your elected officials and ask for their support. Most of us will not be making a trip to our nation's capitol, so a letter or a phone call will be wonderful.

This type of activity is what we call grassroots support, and it is very effective. I urge you to get involved. We have many things in common, and having diabetes in our ancestory is one of the commonalities that I am not proud of. I would like to see this change in our lifetime. Please let me know how you would like to be involved. Many of you have sent me emails or letters. You can continue to send emails to judy.parker@chickasaw.net. My web site will be launched soon. I will let you know that address as soon as it is avaiable.

Thank you for our continued support. I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator

Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Tribe supporting our students with dollars, recognition

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

What a wonderful time of year for our students! Commencements are upcoming and our students are excited to be moving ahead with their academic careers and their futures.

We are very focused on education at our tribe, and I'm sure you have picked up on this as you have read the Chickasaw Times and other Chickasaw Nation publications. We believe that each and every Chickasaw youngster who wants to the benefits of a good education, and is willing to work hard at it, deserves our consistent help.

Did you know that our scholarship and grant system dispenses millions of dollars each year? These funds are primarily produced by the tribal businesses. I can think of no better way to invest our commercial proceeds than in the minds, dreams and futures of our young Chickasaw people.

We are funding tuition and books for hundreds of students each month. For those of you who attended college in the past, it would be very educational for you to investigate the prices colleges and universities charge today for tuition and books. I recall when I went to college that tuition was about $10 per credit hour. It is not unusual today for each credit hour to be charged out at $100 and more!

Books have also gone up tremendously. Professors often require textbooks that are unique and often hard to find. Many texts can run into the $200-$300 range. That is a big bite for a college student! I recall feeling very poor after paying $10 for a required classroom textbook.

We are also assisting Chickasaws who are working on a vocation or trade, and also those who are seeking professional or vocational certifications. Young men and women in vocational-technical schools, or "technology centers" as they are often called today, are also discovering the high cost of class, apprenticeship and certification or licensing. At the Chickasaw Nation, we are helping these students as they lay the foundations for their futures.

And our elementary and secondary school Chickasaws are also benefiting from their tribe's help. A number of students receive tutoring in certain subjects. The tribe reimburses families for those expenses. And, as usual, we are experiencing excellent participation in the Chickasaw Honor Club, the honor society which recognizes excellence in scholarship for younger Chickasaw students.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you, and to serve all our precious students. Thank you for supporting our students, and for encouraging them as they build their academic standing and "reach for the stars!"

April 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-026

Resolution in Support of Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee

Explanation: Authorization for funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians will soon expire unless it is renewed by Congress. The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee has been successful in influencing policy and funding decisions regarding diabetes for nearly a decade and has assumed the lead in advocating for the renewal of the funding authority by Congress. This resolution provides support for the efforts of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee to secure continued funding for the Special Diabetes Program.

Requested By: Judy Goforth Parker, Legislator

Presented By: Mary Jo Green, Committee Chair Health Care Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-027

Support for Acquisition of Stock of a Corporation located in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution supports the Chickasaw Nation in the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of stock of RSE Enterprises, Inc. ("RSE"). Approximately 10,000 shares of stock are available and comprise the entire corporation.

RSE corporate assets include 30.1 acres MOL of real property of which 26 acres MOL is located in the 400 block of Arlington Street in Ada immediately adjacent to the Chickasaw Headquarters campus. The property includes a building of approximately 358,101 square feet that is subject to certain leases, an expansive parking lot and a railroad spur. The other 4.1 acres MOL is located near the 3100 block of Arlington Street and is adjacent to real property and building owned by the Chickasaw Nation and utilized as a alcohol/substance abuse program.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 24-028

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows: All of Lots One (1) through Six (6) inclusive, in Block Ninety-three (93) of the Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. This property has been leased by the Division of Commerce and contains the security and surveillance staff. The lease was coming due and the option to buy was exercised.

Property Location: 231 E. 10th Street, Ada, OK 74820

Use: Security and Surveillance location

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 24-029

Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to issue a Quit Claim Deed to real property, described as follows:

A tract, parcel, or piece of land in the S/2 SE/4 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 15 East, Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

Use: For the purpose of clearing title defect.

Emergency Legislation: An emergency exists because a Quit Claim Deed is needed immediately regarding the subject property.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-005

Amendments to Title 16, Section 16-109 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Members and Officers: General Provisions)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 16, Section 16-109 to provide for the absences of the Chairperson and/or the Secretary during Committee of the Whole meetings, legislative sessions and committee meetings.

Requested By: Judy Goforth Parker, Legislator

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Seat #

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Committee Reports

Education Committee

April 9, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz

Finance Committee

April 9, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

April 16, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Health Committee

April 9, 2007

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Land Development Committee

April 16, 2007

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander

Legislative Committee

April 9, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

April 16, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

April 9, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Move It! Family Fun Walks keep families fit, firm - fun!

The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor three Move It! Family Fun Walks during the month of May.

The events will be at the following locations:

• May 12 - 1530 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell (in the area around Nutrition Services) from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

• May 12 - Ardmore High School Campus, Ardmore, from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

• May 19 - Wintersmith Park, Ada, from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

*registration at all events will begin at 8 a.m.

Move It! is the National Diabetes Education Program's campaign to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites. Diabetes is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease in all American Indian populations. Cardiovascular disease is also the leading cause of death in this group.

Diet and exercise are key factors in eliminating and reducing the risk of diabetes. Many Chickasaw Nation programs will have display and information booths at the Move It! events including Diabetes Prevention, Moccasin Trails, Wellness, Strong Family Development, Camps and Recreation, as well as an "Ask a Dietitian" booth for participants who may have any dietary related questions.

There will also be hydration stations with free water and fresh fruit at each event.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Move It! Family Fun Walk events, please contact the following:

Purcell Event - Angie Christensen (580) 272-5288

Ardmore Event - James Lampkin (580) 222-2828

Ada Event - Melinda Ward (580) 310-9661

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

'Camp Survivor' set for May 29 at Camp Classen

The Chickasaw Nation will host the annual Camp Survivor youth event May 29 through June 1 at Camp Classen in Davis, Oklahoma.

The camp is open to all students ages nine to 13. Participants must have a CDIB card. The camp is offered at no charge to Chickasaw students. Camp fees are paid for Chickasaw students from proceeds produced by the tribal businesses.

The camp's mission is to promote a healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Heritage is also integrated into those efforts.

During the duration of the camp, there will be many cultural activities involving exercise and endurance.

Campers can expect to hike, swim, practice archery skills, climb the rock wall, experience stickball and have health assessments.

There will be tribal councils as well as various team building skills and competitions.

Applications may be completed online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps .

For more information about Camp Survivor, please contact Melissa Wilkerson (580) 310-6620.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

$104 million business-to-government funding year-to-date

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $42.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $3.6 million and $21.4 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for March totaled $61 million and $319 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $20 million for the month and $104 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $42 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had $69 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $11.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $106 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $652 million with $112 million in payables resulting in net assets of $539 million compared to $509 million at the end of the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $30 million over the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	3,641,120	319,685,301	323,326,421
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		39,170,355	(39,170,355)	-
Total funds available		42,811,475	280,514,946	323,326,421
Expenditures				
General government		3,372,900		3,372,900
Legislature		693,084		693,084
Judiciary		301,508		301,508
Education		3,961,758		3,961,758
Heritage Preservation		1,301,852		1,301,852
Health		5,817,744		5,817,744
Youth and Family Services		2,521,645		2,521,645
Nutrition Programs		1,075,515		1,075,515
Regulatory		1,504,483		1,504,483
Assistance Programs		2,521,433		2,521,433
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			175,572,012	175,572,012
Other businesses' expense			62,486,518	62,486,518
Total expenditures		23,071,923	238,058,530	261,130,453
Increase in net assets		19,739,552	42,456,416	62,195,968
Beginning net assets		212,879,723	264,724,792	477,604,515
Ending net assets	$	232,619,274	307,181,208	539,800,483

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	69,361,643	106,492,383	175,854,027
Receivables		1,131,145	20,300,709	21,431,854
Inventory			4,665,600	4,665,600
Prepaid expenses			8,825,858	8,825,858
Other Assets			10,829,082	10,829,082
Fixed assets		162,764,961	268,212,451	430,977,412
Less payables		(638,475)	(112,144,875)	(112,783,350)
Net Assets	$	232,619,274	307,181,208	539,800,483

Brown, continued from page 1

six months without privileges such as watching movies or leaving campus as well as added chores, such as waiting on tables, mopping and sweeping.

Beyond a prohibition on Chickasaw and all Native languages, Mrs. Brown said the school had "no dances, no tribal culture or traditions."

There were, however, a number of positive aspects of her time at Goodland.

"It was good because you had a place to stay, a place to sleep, a place to eat and you got your education and you had a lot of friends," she said.

Despite the sometimes harsh punishment, Mrs. Brown said she liked all her teachers at the school.

After her mother died, her father who was a truck driver, was seldom home. Pauline, at 14, was the oldest of the children.

"We were country kids – like chickens left without a mother hen," said Mrs. Brown.

A neighbor had been watching out for the children to the best of his ability, but he one day informed Bureau of Indian Affairs officials that the children were home alone.

After speaking to BIA officials, her father eventually decided to send the children to Goodland.

He chose the school in Hugo, Oklahoma, so the children could get an education and still be together.

"Early one morning the BIA sent a big black car that looked like a Cadillac," said Mrs. Brown. "They came in about five or six o'clock and we were driven there by someone from that area.

"The next thing I knew, we were on the playground. Some of the girls were my age and we became good friends. We never separated. We were just like sisters, like close sisters."

Before the move to Goodland, Pauline had rarely left her mother's allotment.

"We had never been anywhere," she said. "The allotment that she had was just like a big, playground - about 60 acres of it.

"There was creek running through there and we played all over it. In the winter time, we ran out in the woods and we'd get our means of food by killing rabbits or whatever."

Her isolated upbringing led to a slightly embarrassing episode at the school.

"One day at the table I said 'pass the 'taters.' And those kids just busted out laughing and I learned not to say 'taters again," she said with a grin.

Rooms with electric lights and running water in the school were a new experience.

"My first impression was you touched the wall and the light came on," she said. "Then you went into that little room and there was water in there. Because when we lived in the country we didn't have water.

"Our well was about a mile away. There was creek water and there was tank water and stuff, but we didn't use that, we used the well water."

Student activities included watching movies, playing sports, and singing in the school choir.

Beyond the more modern conveniences, the school also gave Pauline a feeling of safety and security which had been missing while she was home alone with her younger brothers.

"Over there where we lived at home it was always scary, because there were a lot of guys who came by and we'd have to hide – me and my brothers – because we were afraid of them," she said. "We would lock the door and we wouldn't open it."

While attending Goodland, students were assigned a number of chores, most of which were to be completed before 8 a.m.

Many students stayed at the school year round. Mrs. Brown, however, was able to leave the school for holidays and summer vacation.

"I couldn't stay (all year). They made you work like slaves," she said.

Her oldest brother stayed at Goodland for several years. He eventually ran away from the school after he had taken a severe beating.

Near the end of her stay at Goodland, several of the newly-arrived students circulated a petition protesting treatment at the school.

While Mrs. Brown did not sign the petition, she was later asked to testify about conditions at the school.

"I told them what I experienced and how my teachers were in control of our school and what the setting was like," she said.

Not long after, many things began to change.

"It was about two weeks before we had our privileges back. We could walk outside. We could go to the basketball games. Everything started changing.

"They fired a lot of the matrons that were in charge. Then everything was all right until I graduated."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Boarding school era event set for June 23 in Ada

Information on more than 40 Chickasaw students who attended boarding schools has been compiled as part of preparations for a June 23 reunion at the Chickasaw Community center in Ada, Okla.

The reunion will honor boarding school students and celebrate the survival of Chickasaw language and culture through the boarding school era.

Students and relatives have submitted photos and information spanning more than a century of boarding school experiences from at least eight schools.

This information includes at least one student who attended Bloomfield Academy from 1890 through 1908.

Students who are currently attending Sequoyah High School and Riverside High School have also submitted information and are expected to attend.

Carter Seminary, Chilocco, Haskell, Jones Academy and Goodland Indian Academy are also expected to be represented by students or family members.

Stories, photos and memorabilia will be shared during the reunion.

A number of Chickasaws have also spoken about their experiences for a video presentation which will be shown at the event.

Chickasaws who have attended boarding schools or family members of those who have attended boarding schools are being asked to participate in interviews during the reunion.

These oral histories and other information gathered at the reunion will help preserve the history of the boarding school experience for students, family members and future generations.

Event organizers are urging Chickasaws of all ages to participate in this event.

Family members are asked to share the name, school information and years of attendance for any Chickasaw citizens who have attended or are attending tribal or BIA boarding schools.

Organizers are also asking family members to share memories of boarding school experiences as well as any photos of Chickasaws at tribal or BIA boarding schools from all time periods.

Photos will be scanned and returned to the owner.

This information will help in creating a list of Chickasaw boarding school students, a photo gallery of their experiences and a video documentary including interviews with boarding school students of all ages

*See **Boarding school era event,** page 14*

Boarding School Student Information

(Please submit a separate form for each student.)

Name of student: _____

Name of School: _____

Location of School: _____

Dates attended: _____to_____

Number of photos submitted (if any): _____

Contact information – Photos returned to this address:
Name: _____

Street address: _____

Apartment number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Location of each photo:

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Names of individuals in each photo (left to right):

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(Please list information for additional photos on a separate page.)

For more information contact Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

‘Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation’ focus of ECU forum

Back row from left, Dr. Michael Hughes, Dr. Tom Cowger, Dr. Richard Rafes, Dr. Duane Anderson, Dr. Scott Barton. Front row from left, Pauline Brown, Dr. Paula VanBuskirk, Amy von Tungeln, Linda Briggs and Deanna Harley-Kelso.

The Chickasaw Nation, in cooperation with East Central University, hosted the 2007 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum April 12, in the Raymond Estep Multimedia Center at East Central University.

This forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with ECU. The forum salutes the valuable contributions and talents of dynamic Chickasaw women. Panelists participate in a question-and-answer format on topics related to the Chickasaw experience and their personal accomplishments.

According to Dr. Richard Rafes, East Central University President, 21 per cent of the student population at ECU is Native American. He said the event will “enrich our culture and their culture by working together” and it provides an opportunity for students to learn about the Chickasaws and the Native American culture in general.

Panelists for this year’s event included Chickasaw tribal legislator Linda Briggs, Chickasaw Nation Health System dentist Dr. Paula VanBuskirk, Chickasaw elder Pauline Brown and Chickasaw education specialist Amy von Tungeln.

Chickasaw Attorney General Deanna Hartley-Kelso served as the panel moderator.

The panel was candid in its responses and shared a great deal of information with the audience.

Chickasaw culture has empowered her as a woman, Chickasaw tribal legislator Linda Briggs said.

“All my life, we were taught you are Chickasaw and you should be proud of it,” Mrs. Briggs said.

Mrs. Briggs continues her efforts to provide opportunites for Chickasaws of all ages. Mrs. Briggs, who is an advocate for education, urged the audience to pursue education and to utilize the Chickasaw Nation Education Department.

Mrs. Briggs has a strong background in community service. She has served as mayor of Marietta, and currently serves the new mayor as an elected member of the Marietta City Council.

Other panelists echoed Mrs. Briggs’ feelings and spoke of the strong matriarchal presence and other influences in their lives.

At an early age, Pauline Brown’s mother was “the greatest instructor.” She taught Mrs. Brown how to tell stories in Chickasaw, a tradition she continues today in an effort to preserve her native language.

Mrs. Brown was a nurse for 47 years and took great pride in caring for others. She has continued serving the Chickasaw people as a member of various committees and boards and is a cherished elder and cultural advocate of the Chickasaw Nation.

Paula VanBuskirk’s grandfather influenced her greatly in Chickasaw heritage. He spoke Chickasaw and echoed to Mrs. VanBuskirk that “we have always been a proud Nation, even when we weren’t out in front.”

Mrs. VanBuskirk expressed her gratitude for the Chickasaw Nation in funding her education and providing her with professional opportunities.

“It has been a great journey getting to where I wanted to be, and I couldn’t do it without the Chickasaw Nation,” she said.

Amy von Tungeln learned about being a strong Chickasaw woman from her grandmother. Mrs. von Tungeln said she came from a long line of strong women and while those are “big shoes to fill” it gave her something to strive for and aspire to.

Mrs. von Tungeln is a Chickasaw artisan, cultural advocate and educator. She is involved with language classes and is dedicated to preserving the Chickasaw language. She will continue these efforts this fall as she begins serving as an adjunct professor at Murray State College for the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Study Course.

When asked about their greatest accomplishments, all of the women spoke with great respect for the Chickasaw Nation and the opportunites they have been offered through education, employment and service. Dr. VanBuskirk spoke of her efforts to try and make a difference in each child’s life.

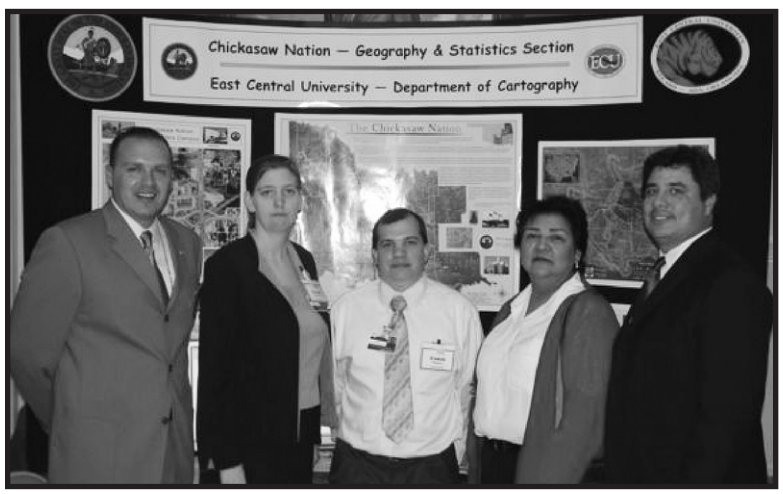
“When working on a young Chickasaw child, I hope I’m looking at a replacement for me when I’m looking into that child’s eyes,” she said.

Mrs. von Tungeln offered this lasting piece of advice to the audience, “Hold your vision, have an idea of what you want and be true to yourself and what you want for yourself.”

ECU’s Native American Student Association hosted a reception immediately following the forum.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Tribe participates in GIS event



The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing was represented at GIS Day by front left, Geography and Statistics Section Head John Ellis and section members Dawn Sowinski and Chris Koontz. Also in attendance was Housing Development Director Linda Robins and IT Computer Service Technician III Robert Blair. East Central University was represented by John Ellis and Chris Koontz.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Representatives from the Chickasaw Nation attended the State Geographic Information Council’s 13th Annual Geographic Information System (GIS) Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 14, 2007.

Approximately 30 local, state and federal agencies and businesses were represented with exhibits displaying GIS use within Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation Geography and Statistics Section, along with East Central University’s Department of Cartography and Geography, exhibited the interactive Web Atlas of Oklahoma, handed out brochures and maps and fielded numerous questions about GIS and its use within the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation programs currently utilizing the systems are the home ownership program, facilities management, the department of realty, the cultural resources department, the Lighthorse Police Department, the environmental department, the roads department and department of environmental health.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing was represented at GIS Day by geography and statistics section head John Ellis and section members Dawn Sowinski and Chris Koontz. Also in attendance was Chickasaw Nation Housing Development Director Linda Robins and IT Computer Service Technician III Robert Blair.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Birthdays

Happy birthday dad! This is you now. I love you. Happy birthday, Charles Brown.

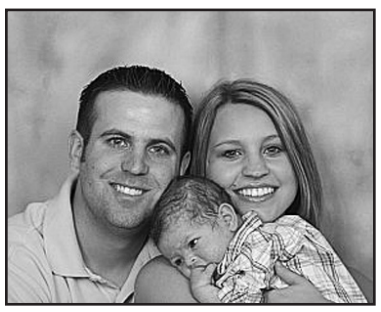
Delita Renee Brown Booker

Charles Brown

Brooklyn Shavney

Brooklyn Paige Shavney will celebrate her third birthday May 12, 2007. Brooklyn is the daughter of Rick and Stacy Shavney, Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of Beaulah Shavney.

Births



Kobey Wall with parents, Stephen and Sommer.

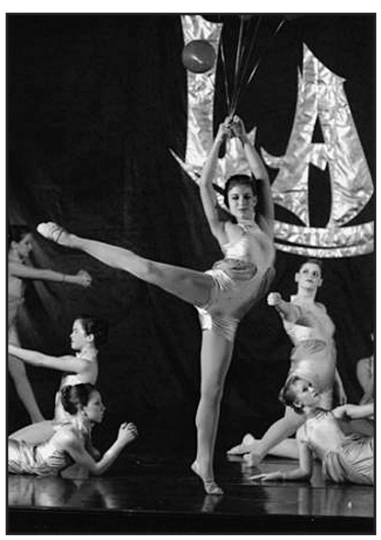
Kobey Alexander Wall was born Jan. 31, 2007 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 20 inches.

He is the son of Stephen and Sommer Wall, Moore, Okla.

He is the grandson of Frankie and Gary McCullough, Ardmore, Okla., and Joyce and David Wall, Ardmore. He is the great-grandson of Ella McCullough, Texas, the late Elizabeth Neely, Elaine Wall and the late David Wall, Sr.

He is a descendant of Edna and Amziah Reed and original enrollee Salina Lacher.

Young Chickasaw dancer participating in auditions



Lauree Tomson

Lauree Tomson is 13 and already very successful in auditions when Conventions tour through Texas. As a member of the competition team "Encore Dance Company" she gives 100% dedication to her dance. She practices 20 hours a week. The company has performed in multiple faculty shows during these conventions as highest score winners.

Lauree has received awards and accomplishments for her individual auditions. Competition season is over and now she prepares for the Annual Gala Master Series May 5 for two shows.

Professional dancers are present in a variety of disciplines. The guest artists, Mark Meismer and Lori Johnson will be flown in from Los Angeles to perform alone and with company dancers. They will take classes with these professional choreographers in classes designed to develop each dancer's skills and hone their technique.

As the summer approaches, Lauree will increase her personal goals in dance as she flies to Vegas to attend a week full of classes with West Coast Dance Explosion. She is hoping to find a sponsor to assist her with these expenses.

Moccasin Trail Program

Tip of the Month!

The greatest aids to losing and maintaining weight are water, fiber, moderation and exercise.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1,000 - mile goal.

Virginia Bowers, Drew Elliott, Billy Jack, Carol Stout and Ken Turner

Congrats gals and guys!

Haskell Indian men's fast-pitch tournament set

The Haskell Indian men's fast-pitch tournament will be in conjunction with Haskell Indian Nations University commencement in Lawrence, Kan. Deadline is May 8. Entry Fee is $200. ONLY MONEY ORDERS ACCEPTED!

For an entry form and additional information contact: Angela Barnett (785-749-8489 or abarnett@;haskell.edu), Kerry Girty Kerry Girty (785-832-6600 or kgirty@;haskell.edu) or Robert Berryhilld Jr. (785-856-2992 or robertberryhill@;hotmail.com.

For award sponsorship, contact Kerry at (785) 832-6600.

Chickasaw boy completes successful show season

Lane Martin, in white shirt, with his brother, Ty, after Lane won the Garvin County steer show.

Lane Martin, 4-H member at Stratford Elementary School, recently completed a very successful 2006-2007 show season.

Lane showed two Shorthorn steers in his first year to show cattle. His list of winnings include: Breed Champion Prospect Shorthorn steer at Wilburton, Breed Champion Progress Shorthorn steer in Ring A and Ring B at the AGR Classic in Stillwater, Grand Champion and Breed Champion Prospect Shorthorn Steer and Reserve Grand Champion and Breed Champion Progress Shorthorn Steer at the Red Devil Classic in Prague, Grand Champion and Breed Champion Shorthorn Steer at the SE Beef Expo in Ada, and Grand Champion and Breed Champion Shorthorn Steer at the Garvin County Show. He won his class of 15 steers at the Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City and was the 4th overall Shorthorn steer to qualify for the 2007 OYE Sale of Champions.

Lane started off the 2007-2008 show season over Easter weekend by showing the Grand Champion and Breed Champion Shorthorn progress steer in Ring A and Ring B at the Frontier Day Classic in Perry.

Lane is the son of James and Angela Martin. He is the grandson of Howard and Juanita (Greenwood) Briggs and Carolyn and the late Guyan Martin.

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For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

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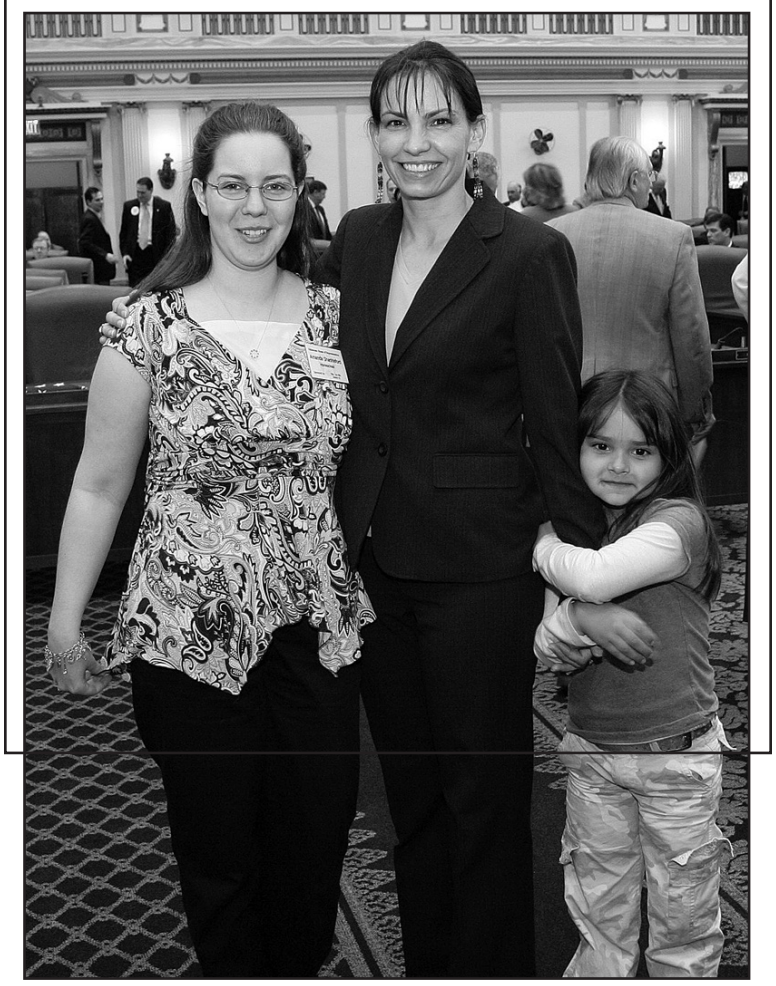
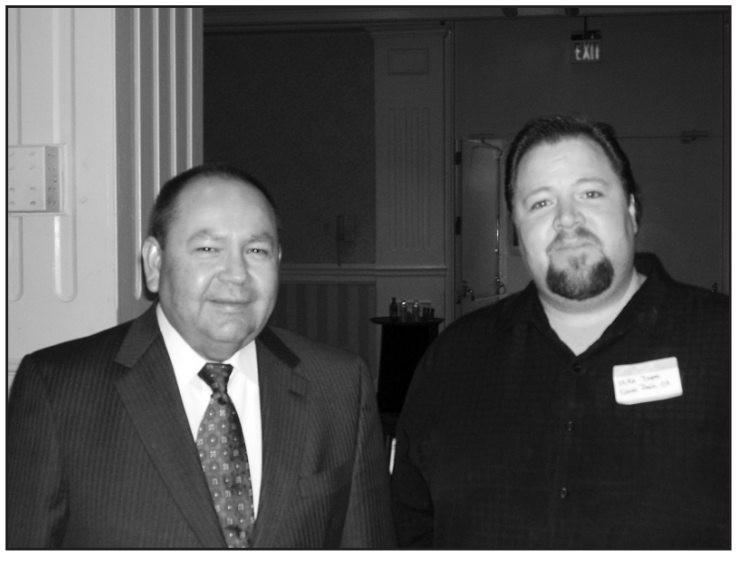


Amanda Shackelford, left, a Chickasaw from Lexington, Okla., recently served as a personal page for Oklahoma State Representative Lisa. J. Billy, center. Amanda is very involved with Chickasaw cultural activities. Also in the photo is Representative Billy's daughter, Anoli.

California meeting



Mike DuPre of Santa Paula, Calif., and Gov. Bill Anoatubby at the At Large meeting in Pasadena, Calif.

Dedicated to 'the Preacher's Kid'

You are born in the family, if you like it or not
And you're always a part of it, for it's all you've got;
And wherever you go, you'll be put on the spot;
You're the Preacher's Kid!
Your mother's a darling; your dad is a dear;
And in case you are wondering, you are loved, never fear;
Just don't believe everything that you hear
About the Preacher's Kid!
Some say preacher's kids all turn out bad;
Sometimes they say worse, when they really get mad;
But they're not mad at you, just upset with your dad;
You're the Preacher's Kid
Sometimes you're the janitor, and you mow the lawn
When the teacher is absent, then you are the one
There's no chore at the church that you have not done
You're the Preacher's Kid
You dad's on a sick call, when you have the flu
When you would prefer he would stay home with you
Only you really know that your dad is sick too
You're the Preacher's Kid
Seems Dad's always absent on your special days
You know that he studies, he fasts and he prays
He's the best man you know, in all of his ways
You're the Preacher's Kid
Now that I'm out of school, and I've grown up tall
I've considered my future, I've thought of it all
I decided to enroll in Bible school next fall
I'm the Preacher's Kid
I won't say I'm a preacher, that's a calling from God;
But if God would choose me, please don't think it odd;
I'd be proud to be following the steps my dad trod;
As the Preacher's Kid

Written by: W.C. Parkey for his grandson Tyler Braswell. Tyler is one of the graduating seniors featured on the senior pages.

Tribal Judicial Branch expands court advocate access to citizens

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch is now offering court advocate services to Chickasaw citizens and Native Americans residing in the northern portion of the tribe's service area. Once per week, a court advocate will be available to meet clients at the Purcell Regional Office.

A court advocate will assist citizens with preparation of papers for Court filing, provide direction on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

To schedule an appointment with a court advocate, please call the Chickasaw Nation District Court at (580) 235-0279 or 1-800-479-1459.

First-grader likes sports, music

Trenton Way a first grader at Zaneis (OK) Elementary School, has been a member of the A team all year. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

He loves to sing and is a member of the Broadway Kids at the Brass Ring in Ardmore, Okla. They will perform the first week in May for area schools.

Trenton and his mom, Amy, live in Healdton, Okla., with his grandmother, Maxine Salyer.

He likes to play with his dog, Misty, and play on is trampoline. Math is his favorite subject in school.

Chikashsha Anompa

(Chickasaw language)

She doesn't have any eggs.
Akankoshi-at ik-imiksho

I don't have any food.
Impa-at ik-samiksho.

You don't have any shoes.
Sholosh-at ik-chimiksho.

Will you speak to me?
Is-sam-anompola chi?

I'm trying to learn the Chickasaw language.
Chikashsha anompa ithannat pisali.

You gave me a lot of books.
Holisso lawa is-sama-tok.

You are the one I love.
Chishno-ako chi-hollo-li.

I'll come someday.
Nittak kanimihma ala-lachi.

I brought you flowers.
Nampakali chim-ishtala-li-tok.

Falammat ima	give back
Falammat ishi	get back
Falammat bohli	replace
Bosholli	small pieces
Elbak pahta	palm of the hand
Iyyi pahta	sole of the feet
Itachakali	put together, piece together
Chishnako	you

Chickasaw student wins Language Fair poster competition

NORMAN, Okla. - Brooke Shackleford, a 13-year-old Chickasaw student from Purcell, Okla., won grand prize in the poster competition at the recent Native American Youth Language Fair conducted April 5 and 6 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

Brooke was one of dozens of Chickasaw students who took part in the event.

"These young people are a vital element of our efforts to revitalize and preserve the Chickasaw language," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We commend all these students for their dedication and hard work."

Brooke's design, which uses three turtles to represent the Chickasaw language at different time periods, will adorn T-shirts at next year's event.

Asked how long she had worked on the poster, Brooke said "forever," with a laugh.

Brooke's mother, Mary, said the children had been working on the posters for about a month. That time included deciding on a concept, then designing and doing the art work.

Brooke explained that the first turtle swimming on the surface of the water represents ancient times, when the Chickasaw language was in its purest form. The second turtle, fully submerged, represents the time when the Chickasaw language was suppressed.

The third turtle, rising to the surface represents the current revitalization of the language.

Skye Shackleford, also 13, won first place in the poster competition in her age division.

Katherine Shackleford, age 10, and her brother Dale, age 7, won first place in the spoken language competition in their age category.

Dale also placed third in the book competition in his age division.

Jolie Morgan, daughter of Matthew and Candessa Morgan, placed third in the individual spoken word for preschool through second grade.

Amanda Shackleford, age 16, and Brooke participated in the ninth through 12th grade song and dance competition.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start students from Ada and Madill also took part in the spoken language competition.

Danny Wells, director of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, said additional opportunities for Chickasaw language instruction are being developed.

He said the goal is to provide quality language instruction at each of the Head Start sites and eventually bring all interested students to the annual event.

More than 800 students from more than 20 tribes participated in the event.

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Keith and Mary Shackleford's children pose for a photo after competing in the Native AMerican Youth Language Fair. Clockwise from top left are Brooke, Skye, Amanda, Dale and Katherine.

From left are Ada Chickasaw Nation Head Start students, Colton Wilson, Ke Ke Factor, Lindsey Keel, and Lauren John.

Tishomingo students complete 10-week Chickasaw Language Class session

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Students in the Tishomingo Chickasaw Language class recently completed their fourth 10-week session.

Fluent speaker Hannah Corsella and language facilitator Amy von Tungeln teach the class.

"We are pleased to have so many students making such a strong commitment to learning the Chickasaw language," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Each of these students is playing an important role in preserving our language for future generations."

Students have worked very hard and made a great deal of progress, according to Ms.von Tungeln.

Students, she said, have moved from basic vocabulary to constructing and translating simple sentences and having simple conversations in Chickasaw.

Class members include Gerald and Rita Hart, Nancy and Sharon Boston, Scott Colbert, Wayne Edgar, Flora Ann Fink, Tashina Hamilton, LaDena Parnacher, Joanne Parker, and Susan Webb.

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Tashina Hamilton, LaDena Parnacher and Flora Ann Fink at work during a Chickasaw language class in Tishomingo.

'Gathering of Chickasaw Speakers'

On April 3, the Chickasaw Language Committee and the Chickasaw Cultural Center presented "Chikashsha Anompa Nittak" – Gathering of Chickasaw Speakers - at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Approximately 50 people attended the event to share Chickasaw stories, songs and games and discuss language revitalization.

Fluent speaker Stanley Smith and Chickasaw Cultural Center Director Sue Linder-Linsley presented information on a new master-apprentice program for fluent speakers and those wanting to learn the language. The program pairs those who speak Chickasaw with apprentices who are willing to spend time each day learning the language and the culture. Smith and Linder-Linsley encouraged those in attendance to participate in the revitalization program.

Participants were also treated to a catfish lunch and entertainment by Brad Clonch.

For more information on the fluent speakers' gatherings or to find out more about the master-apprentice program, contact the Heritage Preservation Division at (580) 332-8624.

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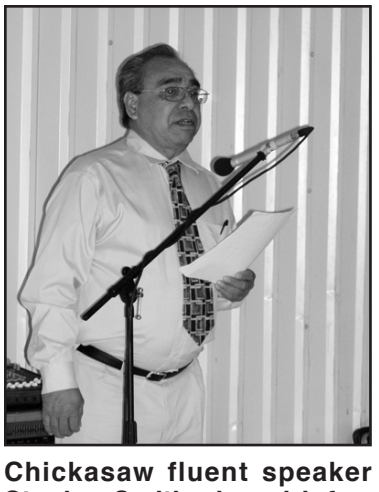

Chickasaw fluent speaker Stanley Smith shared information and encouraged those in attendance to participate in the Master-Apprentice Language Program.

Master-apprentice Chickasaw language program set to launch

Applications will soon be available for those wishing to participate in the Chickasaw language master-apprentice program.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 22 and May 23. These meetings will provide information for potential participants in the master-apprentice language program.

Those interested in taking part in the program are encouraged to attend the meetings, currently scheduled 3 p.m. May 22 and 6 p.m. May 23 in Ada at the Youth and Family Services Conference Center, and 6 p.m. May 22 in Tishomingo at the Chickasaw Community Center.

Meetings will include a presentation on the master-apprentice concept and information on expectations of participants.

Chickasaw Cultural Center staff will also be available to answer questions prospective participants may have about the program.

This program will pair fluent speakers with apprentices who are willing to devote the time and effort necessary to become fluent speakers in 18 to 24 months.

Approximately 20 individuals will be selected to participate in the program which is designed to develop 10 additional fluent speakers of the Chickasaw language in 18 to 24 months.

Those selected to participate in the program will receive 40 hours of training. Each member of the team will be compensated for their time.

Current plans are to select 10 fluent speakers and 10 apprentices to participate in the program.

Each of the 10 fluent speakers chosen to participate will be teamed with an apprentice who has some knowledge of the Chickasaw language.

Participants must make a commitment to spend two hours each day five days per week communicating in the Chickasaw language.

While some of that time may be in a classroom setting, most communication will be in informal settings.

Team members may decide to have meals together, go on shopping trips, go fishing, do arts and crafts or participate in other activities together.

For more information call Stanley Smith, senior language master, at (580) 272-5316.

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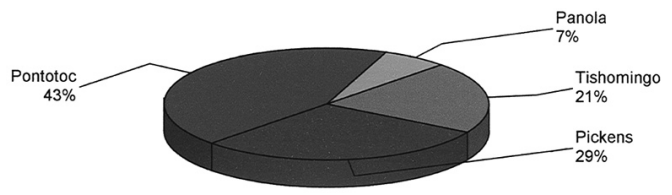
Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,434	Panola	1,390
Pickens	6,212	Pontotoc	9,249
		Total	21,285



CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
1800 Jack John Circle
Ada, OK
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Connerville, OK
Tony Poe
580-421-4994
tony.poe@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Tishomingo, OK
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Enos, OK
Sarah Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Tom Hogland, Chair
405-381-2268

OKC Metro
Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor
4005 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Denver, CO
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~

Inland Empire/Desert Cities
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
San Gorgonio Hospital
Education Conference Room
600 N. Highland Springs
Banning, CA
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church
1111 N. Meridian
Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas
209 East Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, Texas
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt903@earthlink.net

Chickasaw nursing student has desire to serve Indian people

Sheila Bennett

A Chickasaw student will soon graduate from a nursing program in Ada, Okla.

Sheila Bennett will graduate from the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program next month. While in the program, Mrs. Bennett has served as president of her nursing class and as president of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapter.

She placed first in the state competition in sports medicine, which includes a hands-on test involving an accident scenario. She will compete in the national HOSA competition next month in Florida.

Mrs. Bennett plans to continue her education in nursing. Her desire is to care for Chickasaw and other Native American people.

Prior to attending school, Mrs. Bennett was a surgery tech in the Carl Albert Hospital operating room.

Mrs. Bennett and her husband, Michael, have two children, Christopher and Mandy.

Mrs. Bennett is the daughter of Ramona Miller, of Allen, Okla., and Stan and Pauline Wells, of Seminole, Okla. Her grandparents are Geneva Holman, of Ada, the late Johnny Holman, and Henrietta Brown. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Jeff Alexander, and the great-great-granddaughter of Simon Shields.

Mrs. Bennett thanks the physical therapy department, Pat Woods, Jimmy Tignor, RN, Operating Room manager and the whole Operating Room crew, Anesthesiology, Dr. Joanne Chinnici, Chickasaw Nation Health System administration, friend and family for all the support the past year.

Chickasaw wrestler making waves in New Mexico

Dino Gipson

A young Chickasaw student is making a big name for himself as a New Mexico prep wrestler.

Dino Gipson, of Espanola, N.M., is just in eighth grade, but wrestles in the 119-lb. class with his Espanola Valley High School team. Dino has been one of the team's top wrestlers all year.

Dino earlier this year became the first eighth-grader in Espanola history to place in the New Mexico Class 4A state wrestling tournament. Dino placed sixth in the state by winning three of his five matches, all by pins. He lost only his first-round match to the eventual state champion, and a close fifth-place match.

Dino qualified for the state meet by winning the 119-lb. class district title.

Dino is the son of Chris and Melissa Gipson. His grandparents are James and Tina Gipson.

His great-grandparents are Minnie Gipson and the late Andrew Gipson.

Dino is of Chickasaw and Tewa heritage.

Dino's parents, grandparents and great-grandma are very proud of him!

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

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Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Nichols' celebrate 62nd anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Nichols, of Ada, Okla., celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on February 6, 2007.

Bob and Mary Lou Nichols were married at 1 p.m. on February 2, 1945 at Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Nichols is a Chickasaw elder.

The Nichols' are pictured at last year's Chickasaw Christmas party in Ada.

Boarding School Era Event, continued from page 8

Please send any relevant information and photos to
Lori Hamilton
124 East 14th Street
Ada, OK 74820
For more information, call Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

Following is a list of responses so far:

First Name	Middle Name	Madien Name	Last Name	Years Attended	School
Julia		Cheadle	Byrd	1945	Chilocco
Juanita		Keel	Tate	1928	Chilocco
Overton (Buck)			Cheadle	1935-1938	Chilocco
Calvin (Buck)			Durant	1946	Chilocco
Jimmie	Earle		Keel	1946	Chilocco
Fred			Underwood	1948	Chilocco
James			Edward	1947	Chilocco
Romona	B.		Kale	1924-1927	Bloomfield Academy
Helen	J.		Kale	1926-1927	Bloomfield Academy
Melba	M.		Kale	1926-1930	Bloomfield Academy
Robert	Wesley		Parker	1927-1937	
Junior			Munsell		Chilocco
Erleen		Hawkins	Massey	1943-1948	Carter Seminary
Ethel		Blackwood	Brooksher	1936-1938 / 1938-1941	Carter Seminary / Chilocco
Nina	Lou	Frazier	Crossley	1949-1954	Goodland Indian School
Linnie	Mae		Smith	1942-1947 / 1947-1951	Carter Seminary / Chilocco
Laura		Frazier	Watson	1949-1954 / 1954-1955	Goodland Indian School
Nancy		Frazier	Sinclair	1949-1954	Goodland Indian School
Etna	Geraldine	James	Cooke	1934-1942	
Margaret		Imotichey	Moore	1940-1943	Carter Seminary
Sampson			Underwood, Jr.	1958-1960	
Mary	Susan	Brown	Underwood	1956-1960	
Edina			Williams		
Mollie	Sue	Baker	Perry		
Curtis			Walker	1977-1980	
Cheryl	Denise	Alexander	Walker	1975-1982	Carter Seminary
Tewanna	Jann	Anderson	Edwards	1958-1960	Carter Seminary
Pauline	E.		Green	1940-1941	Chilocco
Lillian		Humes	Cole	1942-1943	Chilocco
Sophia			Perry		
Minnie		Barker	Mansell	1890-1908	Bloomfield Academy
Dorene		Carpenter		1949-1950 / 1954	Haskell / Goodland
Beatrice		Carpenter		1950's	Haskell / Goodland
Benjamin			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
Wilson	J.		Brown	1941	Jones Academy
Albert			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
George			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
Pauline		Carpenter	Brown	1947-1952	Goodland Indian School
Aurelia		Chaney	Whitesheild	1995	Carter Seminary
Margaret	Ann		Johnson	1951-1955	Carter Seminary
Elsie	Ruth	Johnson	Ashworth	1947-1953	Carter Seminary
Jared			Walker	2005-2006	Sequoyah High School
Daniel			Walker	2005-2006	Sequoyah High School / Riverside High School

Lighthorse Police Department dispatchers honored

The Chickasaw Nation and the Lighthorse Police Department (LPD) joined the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) in recognizing and honoring the LPD's dispatchers as part of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 8 - 14.

Every day, community members within the Chickasaw Nation depend on the skill, expertise, and commitment of the men and women who work in the Lighthorse communications department. These individuals do their best to provide moral support and assistance to citizens by responding to emergency calls and dispatching emergency personnel in a timely manner.

"Our Lighthorse dispatchers are vital to the security of our citizens and our communities," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Their dedicated service and assistance to the Lighthorse Police Department is invaluable."

On September 6, 2006, the Lighthorse communications department began utilizing the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System-New World Systems to better serve the community. By using this system, the dispatcher can more efficiently build, assign and monitor emergency and non-emergency calls that occur within the Chickasaw Nation. The system also allows the dispatcher to view the number and types of calls that occur during a shift. Since the implementation of the CAD System, the Lighthorse communications department has dispatched 7,327 calls - 4,037 of the calls in this year alone.

The Lighthorse communications department brings a combined 50 years of experience to the Chickasaw Nation with an average length of service of 10 years. Each dispatcher has had extensive training in such subjects as domestic violence call-taking, criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country, emergency medical dispatching, basic telecommunications, and OLETS/NCIC Certification.

The following employees give much of their personal time and put forth tremendous effort to ensure the people within the Chickasaw Nation receive the best customer service and assistance possible: Denise Edens, Michael Holloway, Tammy Hughes, Bill O'Brien and Kevin Wood. For their dedicated service, the LPD and Chickasaw Nation community are truly grateful.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department, please contact Stephanie Carpenter at (580) 436-1166.

Head Start graduations upcoming

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education will proudly host graduation ceremonies for Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo in May. The ceremonies will celebrate the school year's completion and the students' advancement into Kindergarten programs.

Throughout the past school year, students have learned basic skills like the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes as well as lessons unique to the Chickasaw Nation programs like language, music and Chickasaw culture. Many of the classrooms teach not only the Chickasaw language, but Spanish and American sign language as well.

Students will receive diplomas and each site will have a special presentation by the class body. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The graduation ceremonies take place as follows:

Sulphur Head Start
Monday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.
First Free Will Baptist Church
1222 W. Oklahoma Street

Ada Head Start
Monday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Community Center
Corner of Arlington & Mississippi

Tishomingo Head Start
Tuesday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Nation Community Center
1209 West Ray Branum Road

Ardmore Head Start
Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.
Christ Community Church
920 Locust Street

Madill Head Start
Thursday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m.
Madill Middle School Auditorium
601 West McArthur

Duncan Head Start
Thursday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
2300 Country Club Road

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Scrapbooking 24/7
300 E. 10th, Ada, OK 74820
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Hours: M-F 10-4:30/Sat. 10-2 Owner: Tracy Harjo

Chickasaw boys top performers at hoop tourney

Three Chickasaw ballplayers recently competed on a tournament champion team.

Trevan Jimboy, Jordan Parnacher and Levi Turtle, along with coach Jerry Parnacher, played for "Crew" during the Fourth Annual 4Love of the Game All-Indian March Madness high school basketball tournament in Henryetta, Okla. The tournament was played March 21-25.

Crew entered the single-elimination tournament Saturday after emerging undefeated in pool play. The team defeated Hanna Community Center, Many Hands (Anadarko, Oklahoma City) and Cheyenne/Arapaho (Frontier).

In the final game, Crew defeated Da Scrubbs (Sequoyah-Tahlequah) 63-60.

The boys returned with many honors. Jimboy was named most valuable player and received a $1,000 Team Hoyt college scholarship. Parnacher was named top offensive player.

Supporting education

Chickasaw Nation Legislator Dean McManus, standing, and former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller at the Johnson-O'Malley Conference recently conducted in Tulsa.

The 2007 Chickasaw Graduates begin on page 30! Congratulations graduates!

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Filing period set for June 4-6 for upcoming tribal election

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced filing period opens June 4 and continues through June 6, 2007 for the 2007 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Miko Building behind the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, Arlington at Mississippi, in Ada, Okla. Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are Governor/Lt. Governor. Legislative Seat 5 of Pontotoc District; Seat 3 of Pickens District; Seat 1 of the Panola District and Seat 2 in the Tishomingo District. Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for this year's election.

Governor/Lt. governor candidates shall run as a team, must be registered Chickasaw voters; residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of the Chickasaw Nation during tenure of office; must be at least 30 years of age; and possess no less than one quarter of Chickasaw Indian blood. Term of office is four years. Filing fees are $2,500 per team.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are $500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; resident of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year preceding the election; must remain a resident during tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office. Filing fees are $500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for *the Chickasaw Times*, and watcher form. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 31 and run-off election is August 28, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2007 TRIBAL ELECTION POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

Governor/Lt. Governor

JUDICIAL POSITIONS

Judge, Seat 2

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Pontotoc District, Seat 5

Pickens District, Seat 3

Tishomingo District, Seat 2

Panola District, Seat 1

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 4-6:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 8:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 11:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 12:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" ***(by 12 noon)***
Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 9:
Voter registration closes.

July 10:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

July 16:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 31:
2007 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 31:
Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election.*

August 3:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2007 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE *(IF NEEDED)*

August 6:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 Noon.)***

August 13:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 22:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 28:
2007 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

August 31:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

The Carter Seminary – Bloomfield Annual Reunion will be conducted at the Chickasaw Nutrition Site, on the campus at Carter Seminary, Ardmore, Okla., Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Former students and employees please come and have a fun day.

'Tishomingo' now available

Mary Ruth Hughes was born in Durant, Okla., Okla., and raised in Tishomingo. She was the first child on her mother's side of the family to be born in a hospital. All previous family members were born at home in Tishomingo. Although this story is fiction, much of the content is based on her grandmother's life in Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

One of Mary Ruth's ancestors was William Nathan Price. Price Falls in the Arbuckle Mountains was named for him.

TISHOMINGO is set against a backdrop of Indian Territory in the late 1890s. It centers on the people of the Chickasaw Nation, their way of life, politics and assimilation before Oklahoma statehood.

As the story unfolds, we follow Koi, a beautiful mixed-blood Chickasaw girl, as she grows into womanhood in Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Koi is in love with her childhood friends, Osi, a full-blood Chickasaw with whom she grew up.

One day her life is forever changed with the arrival of Neville Cooper, a white man contracted by the federal government to conduct a census of the Five Civilized Tribes. His visit was like a stone dropped into the quiet waters of Pennington Creek, rippling outward to change the course of not only her life but also everyone around her, in ways that none of them could have anticipated.

People will find this story interesting and entertaining. It will bring back memories of eating fried pies and smoking grapevines.

TISHOMINGO is now available online and in bookstores.

To order online: www.lulu.com/tishomingo (available at this site now) www.amazon.com (available in May at this site) www.barnesandnoble.com (available in May at this site.) Media contact: Mary Hughes, maryruth59@hotmail.com (818) 259-5998.

OKC Metro Community Council to host annual summer picnic June 9

Everyone is welcome to attend our Bean Dinner on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a vegetable dish, cornbread or dessert along with a healthy appetite.

After dinner, join us for our monthly Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at our beautiful new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

Our guest speaker will be Jeanie Anderson, Manager, from the Office of Strong Family Development in Purcell.

We will also be discussing details of the October 8-12, 2007 Bus Trip to Tupelo, Mississippi. Members of ANY Chickasaw Council are eligible to sign-up for the trip; and, we want to take a large group.

June 5, 2007 is the deadline to submit the $50 deposit payable to the OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council for the bus trip. There are a limited number of seats available. You may call Pat Bartmess at 405-703-0549, Pam Conard at 405-973-8127 or Betty Kemp at 405-364-0355 to sign-up.

Mark your calendar to save Saturday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. for our Annual Summer Picnic to be held at Kiwanis Park South. Linda Zachary and Pat Bartmess have volunteered to head this committee to plan a fun evening with horseshoes, volleyball, a crafts table for kids and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. The Council will furnish the hot dogs and hamburgers; and, everyone is requested to bring a side dish. You may reach Linda at 405-486-2298 for directions.

Last month Kelley Riha talked about "Oklahoma Voices," a new program at the Metropolitan Library System. I am happy to report that some of our Council members have volunteered for this special project.

Linda Williams, Director of the Purcell Area Office, gave a very informative talk about the Elderly Energy and Emergency Utility Programs for Chickasaw Citizens living outside the service boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Bettie Black, Resource Specialist, has scheduled the second Tuesday of every month to be at our Council in Lakepointe Towers from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m, beginning May 8. Please call the Purcell Area Office, 405-527-6667 for information.

Our Council Kid's Room was a huge success at our Council meeting. Norma Barnes volunteered to be in charge of managing a "parent watch" over children visiting our Council meetings. She did a wonderful job; and, we expect more children to attend our Council meetings.

We are asking for gently loved toy donations for the Kid's Room. Norma is happy to answer any questions; and, you can call her at 405-722-4118.

A Moccasin Class will be offered in July by Jerry Underwood of Tishomingo. Supplies will cost about $20 to make an adult size pair of moccasins. Sign-up for the class at the next Council meeting.

Judy Ashley taught the Pine Needle Basket Class again in April. Contact Vice Chair Mary-Ann Lee at 405-341-7874 for details of craft classes.

If you would like to make an announcement on our website, contact Secretary Charlotte Hulsey at 405-201-3164. Check out our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Congratulations are extended to the Purcell Chickasaw Council on celebrating their 10th year of service. May your Council enjoy even more success the next ten years.

Call Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459 if you have any questions about the OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council.

Chickasaw Council meets at Austin

The Northern Section of the Chickasaw Council of Central and South Texas held its monthly meeting on March 22, 2007 in Austin, Texas.

With just under 20 people in attendance, Gene Thompson explained the reason council meetings are held is to promote the Chickasaw Nation through cultural, historical, educational and social events. It was suggested that we plan storytelling events. Gene was kind enough to share the story of creation as passed down through his family. One attendee suggested that we learn some Chickasaw words at each meeting. We all learned the word for deer, "issi."

It was suggested that we contact our legislative reps in Ada for assistance in developing our meetings. Also we may try contacting local business for corporate support. Plans were discussed for the July quarterly all-area meeting that will be conducted in Austin.

Everyone was reminded of the April quarterly all-area meeting, which will be held at the Wayland Baptist University, 11550 N. I-35, San Antonio, Texas on April 21 at 1:30 pm.

Following the meeting we had a brief social time with many attendees mentioning they were looking forward to the April meeting and hearing from the speakers from the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Please note that for the foreseeable future, our meetings will be held at the Bee Caves Municipal Facility near the intersection of Hwy 620 and Hwy 71.

For further information regarding the Chickasaw Council of Central and South Texas, please contact Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or genevivianthompson@hotmail.com.

Riverwind receives design award

NEW ORLEANS - The Chickasaw Nation's Riverwind Casino was named the 2007 Global Gaming Expo G2E Institute winner for the Best Architectural Design for a Casino/Resort under $200 million .

The award was presented during the fifth annual Casino Design Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11 at the Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place in Louisiana. Riverwind officials and members of the Memphis based Hnedak Bobo Group, the firm that designed the casino, were on hand to receive the award.

"Congratulations to the design team," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "They should be very proud of this accomplishment. Riverwind is an exceptional facility from the design of the building to the entertainment offerings to the hospitality of the employees, and it is an honor to be recognized."

The Casino Design Awards are the only honors that specifically recognize excellence in the field of casino design, architecture and construction. The awards are presented annually at G2E Institute, where winners receive the "Gaming Vision" award.

The Hnedak Bobo Group said Riverwind's design "represents a new wave of casino architecture" and "giving a nod to the geographic location of the structure, the design team developed an ethereal 'prairie wind' concept which encompasses Oklahoma's native landscape."

Riverwind Casino was the only Oklahoma facility to receive a design award, and was among a group of winners stretching from California to New York.

The Global Gaming Expo is the international gaming trade show and conference "by the industry and for the industry." Organized by the American Gaming Association and Reed Exhibitions, G2E made its debut in the fall of 2001, defining itself as the pre-eminent show for the gaming/entertainment industry.

The Hnedak Bobo Group has also designed state-of-the-art facilities for the Gaylord Palms Resort, Harrah's, FedEx, Pfizer, Marriott and the University of Tennessee.

Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from $50 to $100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from $50 to $160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Stick named top CNHS employee; dietary catering top team

The Chickasaw Nation Health System 2006 "Team of the Year" award was presented by CNHS administrator Bill Lance to the dietary catering team. Receiving the award are team members, from left, team supervisor Lea Johnson, Davalyn Billings, Melanie Todd, Iris Lee, Kent Lee and director of Nutrition Services Melinda Newport.

Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance presents pediatrics receptionist Thalia Stick with the Chickasaw Nation Health System 2006 "Employee of the Year" award at an April reception honoring the nominees and award winners.

On April 9, the Chickasaw Nation Health System announced its 2006 Employee of the Year and 2006 Team of the Year at an awards ceremony at Carl Albert Health Facility in Ada.

The award recipients were chosen from a list of monthly winners selected throughout the year.

The 2006 Employee of the Year is Pediatrics Receptionist Thalia Stick.

According to Chickasaw Nation Health System Customer Relations Director Debbie Jackson, Thalia Stick "does a tremendous job in juggling the many telephone calls, assisting anxious parents, checking in patients and assisting staff."

"Even though many of these interactions may require some time," Jackson said, "Thalia is always polite, courteous and willing to assist when needed."

The 2006 Team of the Year is the Dietary Catering Team.

Jackson said the team, supervised by Lea Johnson, does an outstanding job for the hospital and health system staff and are always professional, efficient, smiling and pleasant. The team, she said, is always willing to help whenever called upon.

"If you have ever attended a meeting or other event with food prepared by this team," Jackson said, "you know how good the food tasted and how nice it was presented."

Other Employee of the Year nominees included:

- Billy Asbery, Ardmore Wellness Center
- Deanna Carpitche, Behavioral Health
- Billy Gibson, CAIHF Housekeeping
- Michelle Lynch, Medical Assistance Program
- Shon McCage, Diabetes Center
- Stephen Shelton, LPN
- Randall Walton, CAIHF Switchboard
- Michael West, Moccasin Trails
- Karla Windy Boy, Surgery Case Coordinator

Other Team of the Year nominees included:

- Ardmore Wellness Center
- Behavioral Health Team
- CAIHF Laboratory Team
- CNHS Business Office Staff
- CNHS Finance Team
- Diabetes Team
- Dr. Ryan Davis & Team, Family Practice Clinic
- Medical Assistance Program Team

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IHS scholarship winners announced

Each year Indian Health Service (IHS), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' federal health program for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offers a scholarship program for students pursuing careers as health professionals.

Several Chickasaw students were selected as recipients of this year's IHS Scholarship. Those scholarship winners are:

Callen Brett Brooksher
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Jacqueline Renee Clark
East Central University

Amanda Penner Conley
University of Oklahoma

Amber Dawn Elmore
Meridian Technology Center

Tara O. Fall
East Central University

Gerritt Wren Graham
University of Oklahoma

Andrea Lynn Keel
University of Oklahoma

Tessa Leigh Manning
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

Cynthia Diane Nail
East Central University

Mahate Ann Parker
University of North Dakota

Mary Patton
Murray State College

Kalen Jared Rogers
University of Oklahoma

Zachary Peter Stamile
Northeastern State University

Charles Joseph Strong
University of Texas at Austin

Jamie Lynn Tapp
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

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Diabetes Camp set for May 21-25 in Davis

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center will host the annual Diabetes Camp May 21-25, 2007 at the Microtel Inn and Suites in Davis, Oklahoma.

The camp is designed to educate diabetics on ways to help control their blood sugar through proper diet and exercise.

The camp is offered at no charge to participants. Participation is open to any diabetic patient of the Chickasaw Nation Health System at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Family Practice Clinic in Ada, or the CNHS clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Purcell or Durant. Patients are allowed to bring one adult guest.

All campers and guests must have a medical consent form signed by their medical provider in order to attend.

For questions or to register for the Diabetes Camp, please contact Shon McCage at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center (800) 851-9136 ext. 82252, or (580) 421-4532.

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Community Health Reps honored by Nutrition Services

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department hosted a Community Health Representative (CHR) Appreciation Day on March 26 at the Ardmore Nutrition Services Center.

The CHR program is vital to many of the programs and initiatives Nutrition Services provides. In some cases, the CHR acts as a representative for the client and does many things on the client's behalf including attending certification appointments, picking up and delivering commodities, redeeming farmers' market checks and delivering fresh produce, among many other tasks.

"Our program would not be as successful as it is without the CHR program," said Roxanna Newsom, Food Distribution Program manager, "We wouldn't be able to do what we do in Nutrition Services without your program, and we appreciate you!"

Throughout the course of the day, participants were treated to many different things.

Melanie Todd, Chickasaw Nation Health System Food and Nutrition Services manager, conducted a 100% Fad Free Presentation that focused on tips for healthy eating and consequences of unbalanced diets. Todd also provided CHRs with requested information about special diets for diabetic patients as well as special diets for renal patients.

Information about the Culinary Arts Program, a pilot program under the Career Development Initiative, was also disseminated.

They also participated in a "Grocery Grab" game where teams competed to see who could match nutrition clues to products in the FDP store the fastest.

Kathy Bean and other Get Fresh! staff members treated the CHRs to a cooking demonstration and healthy lunch.

Jennifer Hayes, Farmers' Market Program coordinator, presented information regarding this year's farmers market program and Roxanna Newsom delivered updates and information about the Food Distribution Program.

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CHRs participate in the "Grocery Grab" game.

Thermal totes now available for Food Distribution participants

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program will provide thermal totes to all eligible FDP participants during the month of May as a part of a food safety initiative.

The thermal tote will keep frozen foods cold during transportation, keep raw meats from spoiling, prevent butter from melting and keep fruit safe. The thermal tote is ideal for traveling and will help keep food contained so your car stays clean!

Here are a few food safety tips to help keep you and your family safe:

• When traveling with food, be aware that time, temperature and cold source are key - keep frozen food in the freezer until you are ready to go.

• Keep the tote in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of your car, not in the trunk.

• Always clean your tote before and after use.

• When picking up groceries, place frozen meat and poultry in separate plastic bags to prevent the juices from dripping inside your thermal tote and onto one another.

• Never put butter, cheese, fruits or vegetables in the same tote that you carry raw meats.

• Refrigerate foods quickly, within two hours of picking up. Make sure the temperature in your refrigerator is 40° F or lower and 0° F in the freezer. Check the temperature with a refrigerator/freezer thermometer.

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Rabies Clinics

American Indian pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Pauls Valley
Thursday, May 10
Wacker Park
Across from the Fair Barns
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Ada
Friday, May 11
Agri-Plex North Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Ardmore
Friday, May 11
Between Ardmore Clinic and Food Distribution Center
(Chickasaw Blvd.)
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Purcell
Friday, May 11
Purcell Area Office South Parking Lot
1603 S. Green Avenue
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Newcastle
Tuesday, May 22
Gaming Training Center Parking Lot
400 N.W. 32nd
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Ardmore
Friday, May 25
Between Ardmore Clinic and Food Distribution Center
(Chickasaw Blvd.)
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Achille
Thursday, June 7
Achille H.S. Gym Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Connerville
Thursday, June 14
Connerville Senior Site Parking Lot
6700 N. Hwy. 377
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Tishomingo
Thursday, June 21
Tishomingo Community Center
Across from the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Madill
Thursday, June 28
Madill Senior Site Parking Lot
Hwy. 70 & 5th Street in Oakland
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Enos
Thursday, July 5
Enos Fire Department Parking Lot
On Black Jack Road in Kingston
10:00 a.m. – Noon

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256.

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Audiology Department to host hearing screenings in May

Many Americans have hearing loss.

If you have to ask people to repeat what they say, or if you have to turn your ear toward sound to hear it, or if you hear better when you are looking directly at someone's face, you may have hearing loss. Contact an audiologist to have your hearing checked during the month of May, Better Hearing and Speech Month.

On May 11, 18, and 25 the Audiology department at Carl Albert Indian Hospital will host information fairs and complete hearing screenings. Please visit the Audiology Department between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more information on hearing and hearing loss.

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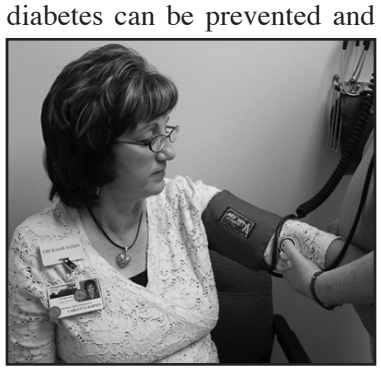
Diabetes prevention focus of 'Power of Prevention' Fair

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center hosted a Power of Prevention Health Fair April 3 at the Diabetes Care Center, Carl Albert Indian Hospital, in Ada.

Approximately 175 people participated in the event.

"We were really pleased to see the great attendance at the health fair," tribal health promotion specialist Shon McCage said. "Hopefully everyone who attended will share the message with their family and friends that diabetes can be prevented and that we are here to help."

Carla Eidson gets her blood pressure checked by CHR Delores Stick.



Carletta Barnes gets her blood pressure checked.

Participants were screened for blood sugar, blood pressure, BMI and the American Diabetes Association risk test. Diabetes Care Center staff offered counseling based on the results.

Behavioral Health, Moccasin Trails, Wellness and Nutrition Services offered information booths for participants. Free food, drinks and give away items were also available.

Neva Harjochee and Carla Eidson from the Get Fresh Program conducted a healthy cooking demonstration at noon.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center please call (580) 421-4532.

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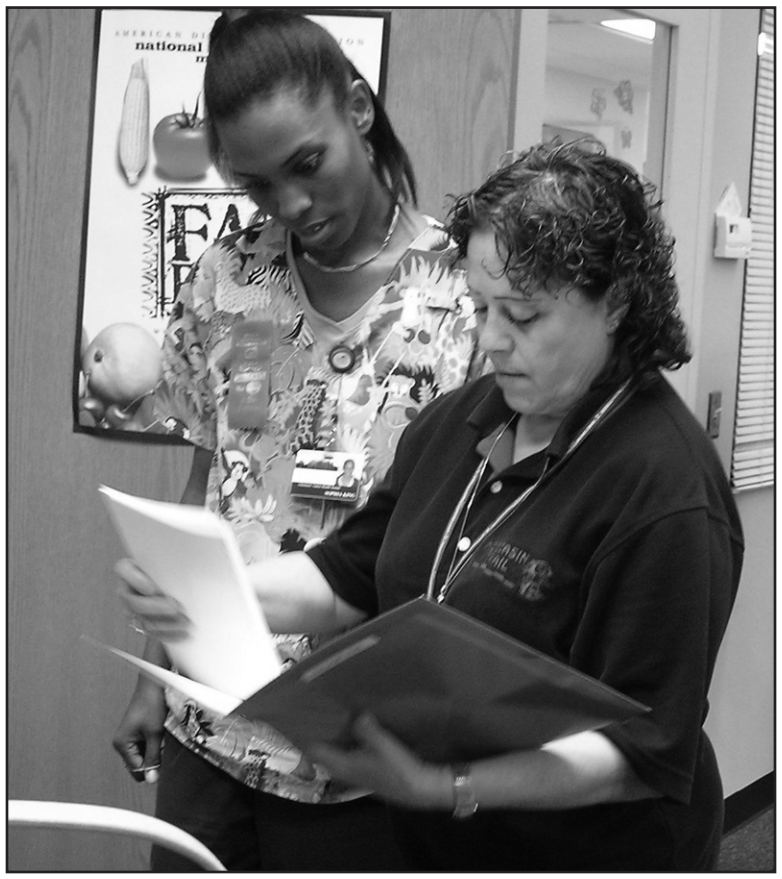

Anona McCullar educates Sophia King on the Moccasin Trails Program.

Very high rate of lupus among Oklahoma Indians

Tribal Lupus Symposium focuses on diagnosis, treatment

From left, Michelle Wilson, Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation; Gidget Mosley, Lupus Foundation of America-Oklahoma Chapter president; Keisha Factor, Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation; Chickasaw Nation Legislator Mary Jo Green, Dr. Glen Solomon, Dr. Kathleen M. O'Neil and Jose A. Rivera.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted a Lupus Symposium from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Youth and Family Services Teleconference Center. Guest speakers included Gidget Mosley, President of the Lupus Foundation of America-Oklahoma Chapter, Dr. Glen Solomon, Cultural Advisor for the Center of Health Ethics, Research and Policy at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Kathleen M. O'Neil, Pediatric Rheumatologist at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma, Chastity Smith, Mrs. Oklahoma 2006-2007 and Jose A. Rivera, J.D., Project Director for OWH Lupus Education Project.

The Symposium provided information on the Lupus Foundation of America - Oklahoma Chapter (LFAOC) and the resources available to those affected by lupus. The mission of the LFAOC is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of lupus, support individuals and families affected by the disease, increase awareness of lupus among health professionals and the public and find the cause and cure.

"Our vision is a world without lupus," said Mosley.

Dr. Glen Solomon, who is both Delaware and Cherokee, presented his research findings focused mainly on the American Indian population. Dr. Solomon's research shows that 1 out of every 6,000 American Indians in Oklahoma has lupus. The standard of comparison for the rest of the nation is 1 per 100,000. Dr. Solomon urged symposium participants to, "be inspired about what you're hearing today and go out and inspire others!"

That's just what Chastity Smith, Mrs. Oklahoma 2006-2007 is doing. Mrs. Smith, a Cherokee citizen, detailed her struggle and daily life with lupus.

Of her struggle, Mrs. Smith said "I refuse to let it control me, I want to go on with my life and look at the positive things, like family."

Mrs. Smith has used her title as Mrs. Oklahoma to help promote and educate others about lupus. She facilitates a Tulsa-based lupus support group.

Keisha Factor and Mary Jo Green of the Chickasaw Nation sponsor a lupus support group on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Voc-Rehab Office, 222 S. Mississippi.

For more information, please call (580) 436-0553.

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Qualifying elders to receive vouchers

Farmers' Market Program provides access to fresh produce

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Nutrition Program begins May 1, 2007.

The purpose of the farmers' market nutrition program is to increase the awareness and utilization of local farmers' markets and to provide an additional nutritional benefit to eligible participants.

A few positive changes will be implemented in this year's farmers' market program guidelines that will allow for a wider range of participants to be served.

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides vouchers for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas. Seniors are eligible for the program if they meet the following guidelines:

- Meet income requirements
- Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Health System
- **Native American 55 years of age or older and a CDIB card holder**
- Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household
- Disabled persons under 60 years of age living in housing for elderly with congregate nutrition services
- 100% Disabled Chickasaw citizens (as determined by SSI)

Applications can be received by mail or picked up at WIC and FDP sites in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, Marlow or Achille.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market vouchers for seniors will be issued by mail once an application is dropped off at one of the above locations and processed.

WIC program participants will receive their farmers' market vouchers in the WIC office during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

For further information, please contact Jennifer Hayes or Leah Delozier at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Bertha Allen, left, and Mildren Green of the Chickasaw Nation Ada senior site sample watermelon at the Farmer's Market stand of Leroy Willoughby and his daughter Vickie Holt.

Senior sites gather to celebrate Easter

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portunity to meet with other Chickasaws and get to know everyone in this area," she said.

The Health Services Division had staff on hand to provide health screenings for citizens. Blood sugar and blood pressure readings were taken as part of a diabetes prevention and awareness program. Information was given on local diabetic health care clinics in each location so citizens with risk factors could follow up with a local physician. Handouts were distributed on diabetes prevention and healthy living.

Citizens were also able to enjoy a little Chickasaw culture shared at each meeting. Language presentations with fluent speaker JoAnn Ellis and traditional storytelling sessions with Lorie Robins were popular portions of the Gatherings.

Mrs. Ellis said several citizens expressed interest in learning the language and wanted to teach their children.

Language flash cards and DVDs were handed out so citizens could practice at home with their families.

"I think teaching the Chickasaw language and culture is very important because if we lose our language, we will lose our heritage," Mrs. Ellis said. "Our language is what separates us from everyone else."

All eight meetings proved to be successful as hundreds of citizens attended and gathered valuable information about Chickasaw culture, diabetes care and new programs designed specifically for citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

"These gatherings are important for staying in contact with our citizens living in different cities across the United States," Gov. Anoatubby said. "There are new, valuable programs being developed and we want every citizen to have the opportunity to learn more and register themselves and their families."

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Peer counselor program offers ongoing support for breastfeeding mothers

The Chickasaw Nation WIC peer counselor program is designed to provide mother-to-mother support for both new moms and mothers-to-be. For prenatal mothers, the program offers information regarding the health benefits of breastfeeding and good nutrition to mother and baby. For breastfeeding mothers, the issues of getting off to a good start, returning to work and continuing support are all addressed.

Additionally, the program hosts support group meetings every third Thursday of each month at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center at 400 S. Rennie from 7:00-8:00 p.m., and on the first Thursday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ada WIC office at 1007 N. Country Club. A peer counselor who is also a certified breastfeeding educator hosts the meetings. The group offers loving support for the breastfeeding mom and answers to questions and challenges she may have.

"As a mother of three breastfed children, I have found it to be an extremely rewarding but sometimes challenging experience. These groups have been very helpful." - Support group member

All group meetings are open to the community. For more information, contact Lori Spann at (580) 399-2000.

The WIC breastfeeding peer counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The program's goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.

Breastfeeding mothers and WIC peer counselors meet at the Ada Arts and Heritage building. Moms and mothers-to-be are welcome to join the group and receive support as they breastfeed their babies, return to work and establish their routines.

'Looking Indian' exhibition on display through June in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY—Untitled [ArtSpace], a non-profit arts organization located in downtown Oklahoma City, will exhibit *Looking Indian*, a group exhibition of contemporary artwork by Oklahoma American Indians. The exhibit opens May 11 and will be on view through June 30.

Heather Ahtone, curator of *Looking Indian*, selected American Indian artists to exhibit works in a variety of media, ranging from paintings and prints to digital media and film. Ahtone sought to "recognize those Oklahoma artists whose work explores the identity and visual presentation of the contemporary American Indian" and who "contribute to a broad dialogue of what Indian Oklahoma looks like."

There will be an opening reception for *Looking Indian* on Friday, May 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Untitled [ArtSpace], 1 NE 3rd Street.

The exhibition is part of Untitled [ArtSpace]'s year of Oklahoma-related exhibitions in honor of Oklahoma's state centennial. American Indians started creating art in Oklahoma long before the territory became a state in 1907.

"Many Oklahoma Indian artists use their art to envision their world," curator Ahtone said. Their art "creates a record of their lifeways and builds an identity that defies the stereotypes and romantic notions often applied to [the American Indian] community, which includes thirty-nine distinctly different tribes."

Works like photographer Tom Fields' *The Little Drum Calls* document the place of tradition in contemporary Native culture. Other works, like Nocona Burgess' painting *Sitting Bull with Red Leaf Quilt*, combine familiar imagery of the "noble savage" with the forms of contemporary art to create new ways of "looking at" American Indians.

"The title [of the exhibition] reflects the idea of how the Indian community sees itself as a collection of individuals, playing on the idea of seeing with their eyes and being seen from their own perspective," Ahtone said.

"I think this is an important exhibit for everyone to visit, not just American Indians," Untitled [ArtSpace] Program Administrator Betsy Barnum said. "We want to give people new ideas about American Indian culture by featuring contemporary artwork that explores the multiple realities of life as an American Indian."

Heather Ahtone is a curator, artist, and writer, who has worked for the University of Oklahoma, the Institute for American Indian Arts Museum, Native Images Video Production Company, and the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. She received both her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking and her Master of Arts in Art History from the University of Oklahoma.

Untitled [ArtSpace] is committed to providing access to quality exhibitions, educational programs, performances, and publications and to engaging the community in collaborative outreach efforts. Untitled [ArtSpace]'s exhibitions are free and open to the public Tues-Thurs 11 am–6 pm, Fri 11 am–8 pm, and Sat 11 am–4 pm.

For more information about Untitled [ArtSpace] or *Looking Indian*, visit www.1ne3.org or call (405) 815-9995.

Indian diabetes, heart disease target of REACH 2010 project

Diabetes and cardiovascular disease claim thousands of Native Americans each year, and the diseases affect the lives of millions of Indian men and women and their families.

A health initiative launched by President Bill Clinton in 1998 targets these serious Indian health issues. The REACH 2010 program is designed to reduce the impact of diabetes and cardiovascular disease on Indian people.

REACH is the pseudonym for Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health. The REACH 2010 Oklahoma Native American Initiative includes a number of tribes and partners involved in Indian Health Care. The Chickasaw Nation is a leader of the program.

The Chickasaw Nation is striving to improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. As part of the REACH 2010 program, the tribe assists project participants in measuring indicators and keeping records of physical activity. The logs are assessed every six months.

The REACH program sponsors two to four physical activities monthly for participants. These activities include swimming, skating, bowling, golfing and other family-centered events. REACH participants are also encouraged to engage in tribal wellness programs, including Mocassin Trails.

In April, REACH 2010 principal investigator Dr. Janis E. Campbell reported on the program to tribal representatives.

Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program manager Lea Caufield said the tribe, and the Oklahoma coalition, were recognized for exceptional programs and a productive fight against obesity. The Chickasaw Nation hopes to be recognized as a Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED), Caufield said, and also hopes to qualify for additional grant funding.

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March 2007 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for March 2007 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a $25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native Americans students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals, or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District are **James Lenard** and **Traci Kirk**, Ravia Elementary School.

"**James Lenard** is a very sweet boy and an excellent student," said Debbie Akins. "He loves to participate in sports and helps out in any way he can."

"**Traci Kirk** is a very sweet girl," said Debbie Akins. "She has a great personality and is always wanting to lend a helping hand to anyone that needs it."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Chase Chamberlain**, Stratford Jr. High, **Ashli Worcester**, Latta Elementary, **Adrienne Antonio** and **Mark Ernst**, Latta High School, **Ethan Jones**, Lexington Elementary**, Lauran Jimboy**, Lexington Jr. High.

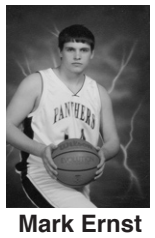
"**Chase Chamberlain** is a great young man and is definitely an asset to our school," said Angela Martin. "Not only is he active in a number of activities, he brings a great attitude and a desire to be successful to whatever he does. He is polite and is friendly to the young and old alike. Chase would be an obvious choice for JOM Student of the Month."

Ashli Worcester

"**Ashli Worcester** is a determined young lady who works hard in the classroom and her work pays off by making the principal's honor roll," said Tammy Collins. "She is involved with basketball and is well liked by her classmates. She is deserving of this award. Ashli has a sweet nature and is a polite young lady."

Adrienne Antonio

"**Adrienne Antonio** is a pleasure to teach at Latta High School," said Stan Cochran. "She is always respectful of others – both students and teachers. She always shows a pleasant smile to those around her and tries to do things in a positive manner. In her own quiet way, Adrienne is a leader among our students at Latta. She is a very good representative of our school and of our Native American people."


Mark Ernst

"We consider **Mark Ernst** to be a true success story," said Stan Cochran. "He is to be commended for over coming some difficult family/personal circumstances to develop into a true leader at our school. I continue to hear positive comments from other teachers and from parents about how proud they are of Mark and the accomplishments he had made. These accomplishments are a result of positive influences in his life and positive choices he has made. He has committed himself to being a good student, athlete, and young man in general. I look forward to seeing the bright future ahead of Mark, and I know he is deserving of the positive recognition he is receiving as Student of the Month."

Ethan Jones

"**Ethan Jones** is a hard working young man," said Meredith Jones. "He is an A and B student and loves mathematics. He is at all times willing to help. He sometimes gives up part of his recess to help the lunchroom workers wipe off the cafeteria tables. He is very responsible and is called upon his teachers to run errands often. He was voted Valentine's King by his classmates. He is the reporter of the JOM Art Club and has never missed an art club meeting. His positive attitude spreads to other students. His extracurricular activities include little league wrestling and 4-H. Ethan is very deserving of Student of the Month."

Lauran Jimboy

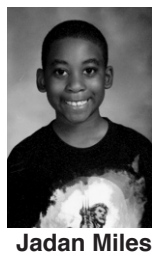
"**Lauran Jimboy** is a proud Native American student," said Meredith Jones. "She is very knowledgeable about her heritage and culture. She has a positive self-image, is disciplined physically and excels at martial arts. She is not a straight A student but works hard and earns respectable grades. She has only missed one day of school this entire school year. She is always polite and respectful of elders. In addition to martial arts she is also involved in basketball, track and Girl Scouts. She is passionate about art and enjoys making crafts. She is an excellent nominee for Student of the Month."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Ally Howerton**, Turner Jr. High, **Jadan Miles**, Lincoln Elementary (Ardmore), **Macy Maib**, Plainview Elementary.

Ally Howerton

"**Ally Howerton** is one of those students a teacher dreams of," said Sue Kelley. "She is an excellent student, always working to do better. She is dedicated to her schoolwork and is a wonderful student to be around. She is always positive and upbeat, a breath of fresh air."

"**Jadan Miles** is an extremely responsible student. He puts forth his best effort on every assignment. Jadan has near perfect attendance and is respectful to his teachers and classmates. He is very good at making connections between class work and personal experience."


Jadan Miles

"**Macy Maib** is a delightful young lady," said Kim Woods. "She works very hard to keep her grades up. She is always respectful and never passes up a chance to help someone in need. She has volunteered many times to use part of her recess to help me in the cafeteria. It is a pleasure knowing Macy."

Macy Maib

Tribal representative in Chickasha on May 21

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on May 21 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

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TRIO programs director joins Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Steve Cheadle, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Director.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Steve Cheadle, new director of TRIO programs for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs.

Steve comes to the Chickasaw Foundation after over five years of service to East Central University's Educational Talent Search program. At ECU, he assisted low income and potential first-generation college students in reaching their educational goals of attending a higher learning institution. He received a 2007 Service Award from the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance for five years of service. Before joining the ECU staff, he worked as a qualified mental health professional for nearly three years focusing his efforts on counseling with children and youth. East Central University was not only his place of employment, but also his alma mater. He received his BA and MS from ECU in human resources counseling. He believes that educating our youth is fundamental for cultivating success and progression of our family, our culture and nation.

Steve was born in Tishomingo, Oklahoma in 1973, and is the oldest of six children. Raised by his grandparents from the age of five, most who know him say that he has an older person's spirit about him filled with wisdom and patience. He has lived in Tishomingo for most of his life, excluding some active duty military time and a couple of short moves.

Steve entered the U.S. Navy delayed entry program before graduation. He graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1991. He served in the U.S. Navy from August 1991 to August 1993. After fulfilling his active duty obligation, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1995. Learning about better educational opportunities in the Guard, he crossed branches and enlisted into the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 1995 at the rank of E3. After achieving the rank of Sergeant, Steve received a direct commission in 1999 and selected the Transportation Corps. In February of 2003 1st Lt. Cheadle's unit was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and he and his unit were deployed to Iraq for a year of service. The military award he was proud to receive was his Bronze Star because as a platoon leader he led his platoon into battle and brought them ALL home safely. Currently, he is the Commanding Officer of the 1245th Transportation Company located in Madill, Oklahoma.

An important aspect of Steve's life is family. He married his high school sweetheart in 1994 and the couple has four wonderful children ages 16, 14, 11 and 10. Spending quality time with his family is essential in his daily life.

Steve is active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including Oklahoma Commission for Children and Youth of Johnston County, and formerly served on the Tishomingo City Council, Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America and the Family Medical Center of Southern Oklahoma board. He was also ordained as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo in 1996 and has served his church faithfully for over 10 years.

Executive, projects director attend fundraising conference

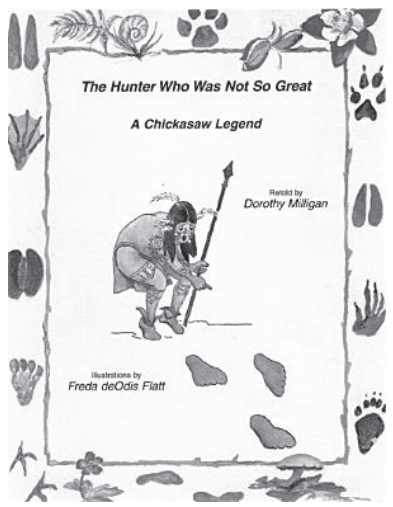
Johnna R. Walker, Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director, and Tracie Carter, Special Projects Coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, attended the 43rd International Conference of the Association of Fundraising Professionals on March 25-28 in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Carter are both members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Oklahoma Chapter. Keynote speakers for the conference were Brooke Shields, actress and model, and Lance Armstrong, professional cyclist and fundraiser.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

Chickasaw Foundation book donation

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees donated 100 books to the Leadership Oklahoma class this month.

The Hunter Who Was Not So Great:



A Chickasaw Legend

The Hunter Who Was Not So Great centers around a brave hunter who becomes a little too confident in his abilities and must learn the lesson of not bragging. This lesson is delivered by Ihoff, the giant who lives deep in the forest and possesses strange powers including a "secret weapon."

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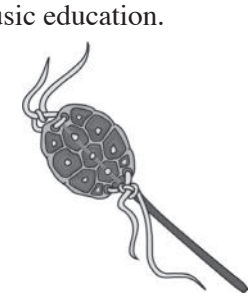
Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Jessica Willis, Chickasaw Foundation March Student of the Month.

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Jessica Willis is the March 2007 student of the month. Jessica is a senior at Plainview High School, and has been involved with the Upward Bound program since she was a freshman. Jessica is a member of the Optimist Club, Plainview Beta Club and karate club. She has been chosen as student of the week at Plainview High School. She participates in All Sports Day for Upward Bound, and is in the concert and jazz bands. She plans to attend college in the fall and pursue a degree in music education.



Chickasaw Foundation's 6th Annual Cultural Evening

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Kullihoma for our 6th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the 30th annual Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program selected 15 students for the Upward Bound Student Leadership Council. The students had to be in their junior or senior years and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average at the beginning of the school year. Students must have attended the previous summer academic session at Murray State College, be able to attend the statewide Student Leadership Conference, be a positive role model for underclassmen and welcome new students into the program. Students selected included Kayla Bertwell, Curtis Harpole, Chase Martin, Jessica Willis, Shannon Underwood, Nina Lawrence, Emalee Munn, John Cobble, Jessica Carter, Jacob Hubbard, Lilnita Lozano, Jacob Standridge, Sirena Adams and Rachel Wilkins. Alternate students are Jenifer Pedigo, Michael Brown, Lyndsey McNeil and Jessica Fels.

The 30th annual Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference was hosted by Oklahoma State University's Upward Bound program. The theme for this year's conference was "The Quest" which challenged students to find within themselves the treasures that will guarantee success or fulfillment of their dreams. Students attended workshops to learn about different leadership styles, how to work with others that think differently and how to make the most of every leadership position. Students worked in teams based on their "True Colors" workshop and each team built a cardboard pirate ship for the final day's competition. Students attending the Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference were Curtis Harpole, Chase Martin, Michael Brown, Jessica Fels, Sirena Adams, Jessica Willis, Nina Lawrence, Jessica Carter and Jenifer Pedigo. Staff attending included Rici Love, Susan Webb and Becky Easterling.

Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2007. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers and would like to see the number double this year.

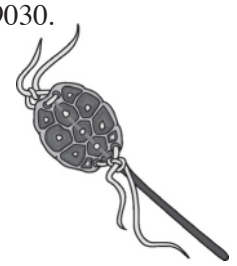
Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

2007-2008 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship applications available

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the availability of thirty-six scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarships have a wide range of majors including education, engineering, health-care, nutrition science, liberal arts, Native American studies, nursing, accounting, business, finance, social work, art, history, law, aeronautics, music, aviation, and general purpose education.

The application is available on-line at www.chickasawfoundation.org or you can be placed on our mailing list by calling (580) 421-9030.



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added that a major part of the rural economic development is a result of tribal activities.

Sen. Gumm pointed out that the respect is the fundamental element underlying compacts between tribes and the state.

"We are a much richer state, a much stronger state, because we are willing to work together through these compacts," said Sen. Gumm.

Ann Ackerman, Chief Executive officer of Leadership Oklahoma, said the session focused on tribal governments was a response to the desire of previous class members.

"It's been a growing awareness that this is something we need," said Ms. Ackerman.

She said the session had lived up to expectations, and expects a similar session will be included for future Leadership Oklahoma classes.

Several highly successful women discussed the effect of matrilineal societies on Indian nations.

Panelists included Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Kay Rhoades, Oklahoma State Representative Lisa Johnson Billy (a Chickasaw), Chickasaw legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and Cherokee Author Mary Ellen Meredith.

Lona Barrick, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, served as moderator.

Panelists discussed the history of matrilineal societies as well as their personal experiences. They pointed out that the influence of women in tribal nations has varied over time and among tribes.

Nonetheless, women have played a major role in shaping Indian family life, society and governments.

Bob Blackburn, executive director of the Oklahoma History Center, spoke about the inaccurate image of American Indians advanced through motion pictures and other media.

Many American Indian nations had developed advanced societies long before European arrival. Many scholars believe North America was more densely populated than parts of Europe and Asia before Columbus arrived on this continent.

Blackburn said despite this history, American Indians have often been portrayed simply as a natural obstacle to European settlement.

Seeing American Indians portrayed as "specimens" or "natural resources" in natural history museums "still rubs me the wrong way," Blackburn said.

Brian Campbell, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, was joined by Deryl Wright, CEO of Chickasaw Nation Industries and Solara Healthcare CEO Ken Ross for a session on tribal economic development.

Panelists discussed tribal economic diversification strategies and the rapid growth of tribal economic development activities.

A goal of the panel was to provide the Leadership Oklahoma class members a better understanding of the multibillion dollar impact tribes have on the state economy and the increasingly important role tribes play in the growth of the state economy.

Leadership Oklahoma grew from a series of meetings and discussions among Oklahoma leaders in 1986. These leaders shared the belief that we all have a stake in developing the prosperity and confronting the problems of our state.

From those meetings came Leadership Oklahoma, an organization designed to create a dynamic network of leaders to shape the state's future.

Each year, Leadership Oklahoma brings together 50 of the state's most outstanding leaders for 10 issues-oriented sessions that address critical challenges facing the state. The goal is to tap the energies of those leaders to initiate positive change for the benefit of all Oklahomans.

Participants are chosen through a rigorous application process and selected from across the state to represent Oklahoma's professional, geographical, and cultural diversity. Each person must demonstrate a dedication to Oklahoma's progress and the ability to exercise leadership in recognizing and resolving issues of statewide significance.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'Its About Money'

Bank2 among nation's leaders in Native business

Ross Hill

By ROSS HILL
President and CEO
Bank2

As Bank2 continues as one of the fastest growing minority banks in the nation, so do the opportunities for employees to advance within the organization. Since 2002, Bank2 has been owned 100% percent by the Chickasaw Nation and has grown from $5.3 million to over $85 million in assets.

Chickasaws have been at the heart of the organization since the beginning. What started out as a dream for Governor Bill Anoatubby, has now become a dynamic reality. Bank2 has developed into a full service bank offering checking accounts, savings and money market accounts, CD's as well as a full line of consumer, commercial, real estate loans and mortgage loans.

Bank2's accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed. Bank2 has gained state and national recognition for its efforts in Native America. Bank2 is the number one source of Native American home loans in the State of Oklahoma. Bank2 was named the Oklahoma Native American Business Development Center Service Business of the Year in 2004. The bank was named the Oklahoma Native American Chamber Business of the Year in 2005. In 2006 and 2007, Bank2 was named as one of the top 100 Native American owned businesses in the nation by Diversity.com

It is exciting to be the president and CEO of Bank2. Every day I look around the office and see a team of professionals committed to our core values as an organization. Our purpose is to help people build better lives. Our vision is to serve as another successful enterprise of the Chickasaw Nation. Employees are the key to our success. Our goal is to attract, build, and retain high-performance team players.

No one exemplifies our success better than Chickasaw and Bank2 employee, David Biggers. David started with Bank2 as a mortgage lender. Because of his outstanding work ethic and commitment to helping us fulfill our dream among Native Americans, David was promoted to manager of the mortgage department. Just a few weeks ago, David was promoted to vice president by the board of directors. As vice president David was placed in charge or our entire mortgage lending department! It is because of employees like David that Bank2 has enjoyed such great success. He is a valuable part of our management team.

David and I were recently discussing the growth of Bank2 and his role in our success. I smiled and knew that our future together would even be brighter when he said, "The best part of my job is in helping our people purchase their first home. I enjoy the opportunity to sit down with folks and visit about the steps that will lead them to home ownership. Our customers become our friends. We serve them like family. They appreciate our commitment to seeing their dreams come true."

I couldn't have said it better myself. With Chickasaw employees like David Biggers serving fellow tribe members, the word about Bank2 is sure to spread like wildfire. While being a part of the Chickasaw Nation is reason enough to be proud of being a Bank2 customer, I personally take pride in knowing Bank2 has committed Native American employees and officers who have a passion for meeting the needs of our people.

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Trysten Cook, Ethan Weaver, Aidan Weaven

Trysten Cook is the son of Kelli and Mike Cook.

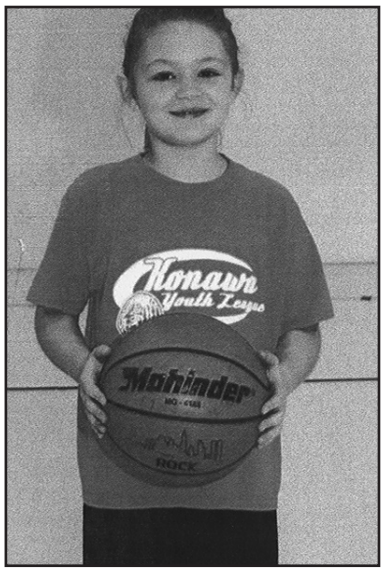
Ethan Weaver is the son of Bryan and Reiko Weaver.

Aidan Weaver is the son of Brent and Donna Weaver.

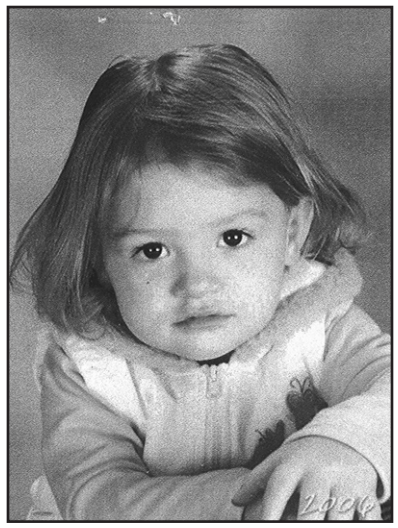
My grandsons are my pride and joy of my family. They are the children of my three children who are also very proud of them.

Grandmother Janie Brady

Logan Hisaw

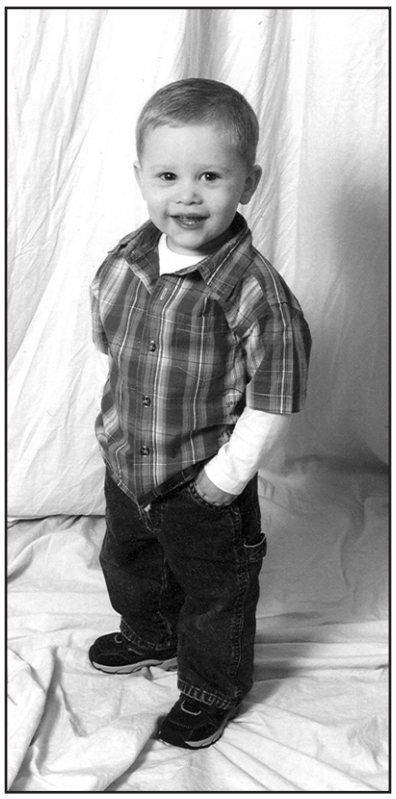


Rylee Hisaw



Logan Hisaw, 8, and Rylee Hisaw, 2, are the daughters of Angie and Cory Christensen. They are the granddaughters of Billy Hisaw.

They are sweet, lovable, and kind hearted. Both girls are very smart. Logan and Rylee are a lot alike but unique in their own way. I love them both with all my heart.



Joseph Colbert

Joseph Colbert is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert. He is the grandson of Edith Sparks and the great grandson of Luther and Mildred Kash and Lois Larson.

He is a great kid. He brings joy to our entire family.

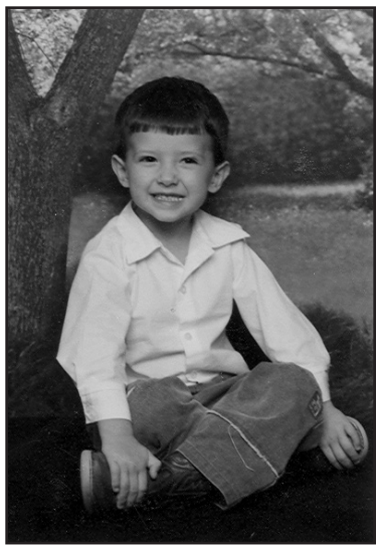
Jaydon Walters

Jaydon Walters is the son of Jonathan and Raina Walters, and the grandson of Rita Loder.

Jaydon is my "go with the flow" little man. He is very charming and loveable.

Love MeMaw Rita

LEvi Ellis



Levi "Scooter" Ellis is the son of Bo and Amie Ellis, and the grandson of Rita Loder.

Scooter is the character of characters, just like his dad.

He is loveable, thoughtful and a brave young man.

Love Granny Rita

Melissa Ellis

Melissa "Peanut" Ellis is the daughter of Bo and Amie Ellis, and the granddaughter of Rita Loder.

Peanut is my favorite granddaughter and shopping buddy. She is ten going on sixteen. She is very sweet and considerate.

Love Granny Rita

Presley Kalyn Williams

Presley Kalyn Williams is the daughter of Criss and Angie Williams. She is the granddaughter of Dede and Garey Williams and the great-granddaughter of Chenena Roach.

Presley Kalyn Williams came into our world and lives September 17, 2002. She is in the "make believe" stage so she is full of laughs and surprises. She is loving and a pleasure. Presley is a fourth generation Chickasaw. Her heritage comes from Vinnie M. James Humes.

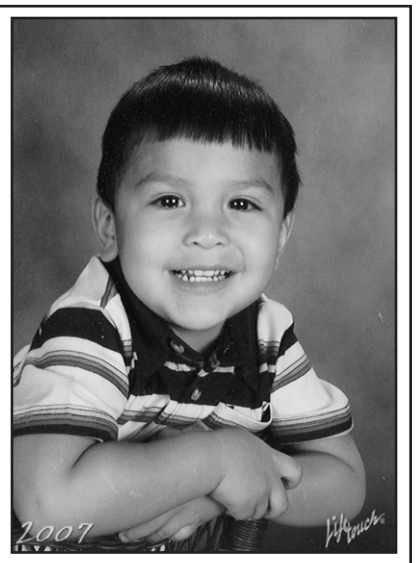
Anthony Lee Amador

Anthony Lee Amador, 2, is the grandson of Ramona and Saul Perez.

Anthony is our pride and joy because he brings so much love and happiness in our lives. Watching him grow each day is a treasure. We love you very much.

Love,

Mama and Papa Perez



Ridge Lowe

Ridge is the grandson of Lahoma Lowe.

He is my pride and joy because he is such a delight. Our times with him are few and far between cause he's staying with his other grandma in Wisconsin.

But we call him often, even though all he may say is "Hi Grandma, Bye Grandma" because Spongebob is on.

Happy 3rd Birthday Ridge, we love and miss you so much.

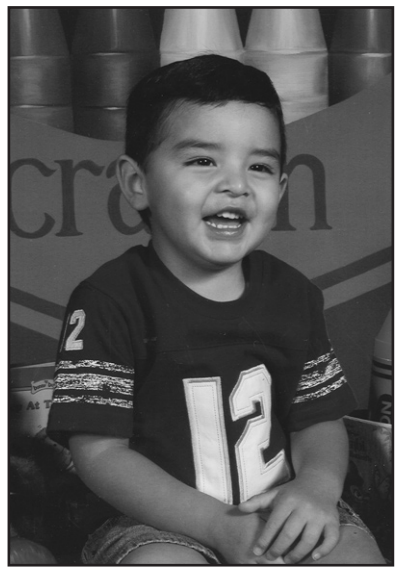
Your Grandma in Oklahoma

Lauren E. John

Lauren E. John, 5, is the daughter of Thomas and Lisa John, Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter Pauline and the late Wilson J. Brown, Harden City, Okla., and the late Lionel and L. Judith John of Salamanca, NY.

She is our pride and joy because she brings happiness and unconditional love into our lives. Lauren is a great helper and she enjoys playing on the computer, reading books, playing with her little brother, Trevor, dancing and singing. Lauren gives big hugs and likes to laugh. We are truly blessed to have such a beautiful, loving little girl in our lives.

Trevor L. John



Trevor L. John, 2, is the son of Thomas and Lisa John, Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Pauline and the late Wilson J. Brown, Harden City, Okla., and the late Lionel and L. Judith John, Salamanca, NY.

Trevor is our pride and joy because he is so loveable and kind hearted. He has a great personality and looks up to his big sister Lauren. Trevor enjoys playing with trains, running, playing hide-n-seek and looking at books. He is easy going and looks out for other children that are smaller or younger than he is. He is a gift from God and we are so thankful that we have him.

Sierra Lowe

Sierra is a source of both pride and joy for our family. She is a bundle of energy that just has to go and go. She is out going, getting involved with any activity that she can. She plays soccer, t-ball, piano and is a member of the Cloverbuds.

Sierra is loving, caring and protective. She is always helping her grandmother or trying to take care of her auntie. He last report care showed that she earned all A's. Sierra is at church every Sunday, sometimes more often. However, her dimples remind us of her impish side. She can be a little prankster; she loves to scare people and then double over with laughter.

One of Sierra's impressive qualities is her manners. She knows that it is important to say please or thank you or hold a door open for someone. She is a very valuable part of our family.

We love you, Sierra.

Lahoma Lowe

Cole Christoper Spalek

Cole Christopher Spalek is the son of Amy (Willis) Spalek and Chris Spalek. He is the grandson of William Willis and Lynda Willis.

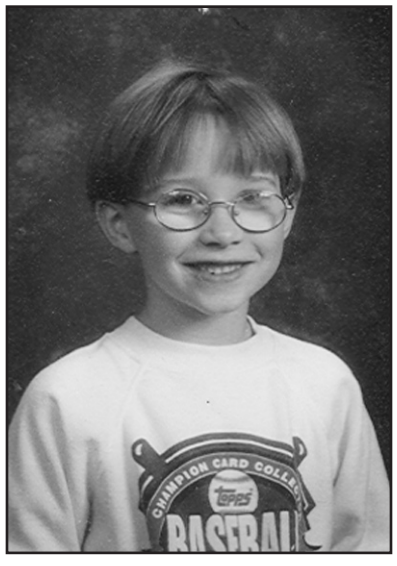
Cole is our first grandchild and a very pretty boy – all grandchildren are the "Pride and Joy" of their grandparents.

Sarah Lillian Kai

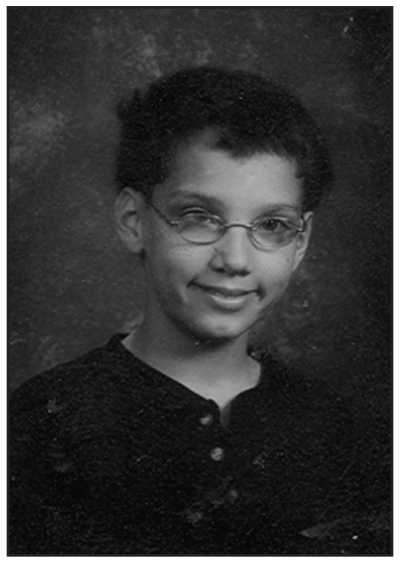
Sapphire Rose

Heaven Leigh Grace

Elijah Robert



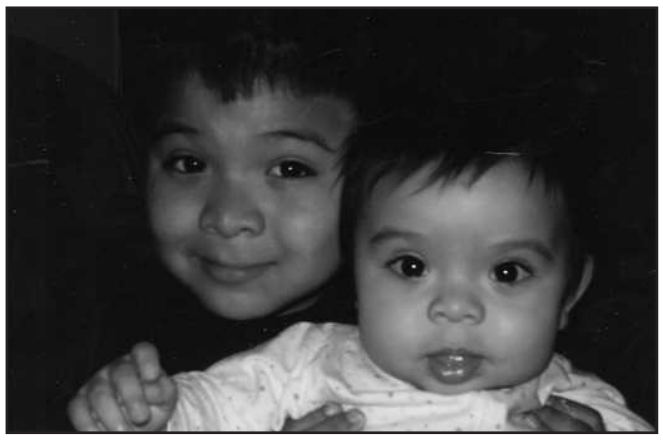
Tyler John



Heaven Leigh Grace, Tyler John, Sarah Lillian Kai, Elijah Roberts, Sapphire Rose, Abram (not pictured) and Klaressa (not pictured) are the children of John and Sheila Miller. They are the grandchildren of Virgil Blake Guess, Deborah Ritchey, Jerry and Sharla Kelley, Margaret and Richard Miller. The nieces and nephews of Larry Cole, Jon Bucheit, Issaiah Roberts, Tim McCurry, Kealuha Crytser, Charles Thomas, Vincent Kitcheyan, Eddie Horn, Cary Rice, Daniel Cowles, Parnell Roberts, Brent Kelley and Oliver Miller.

The children are my pride and joy because they are the future. My children are Chickasaw, and that means something. They have each in their own ways touched the hearts of everyone they have ever come in contact with. They stand tall in a society that doesn't understand our ways and our culture. And because of their pride in themselves and our people, they are my pride and joy.

Josie Nilene and Jason Tyler Morgan



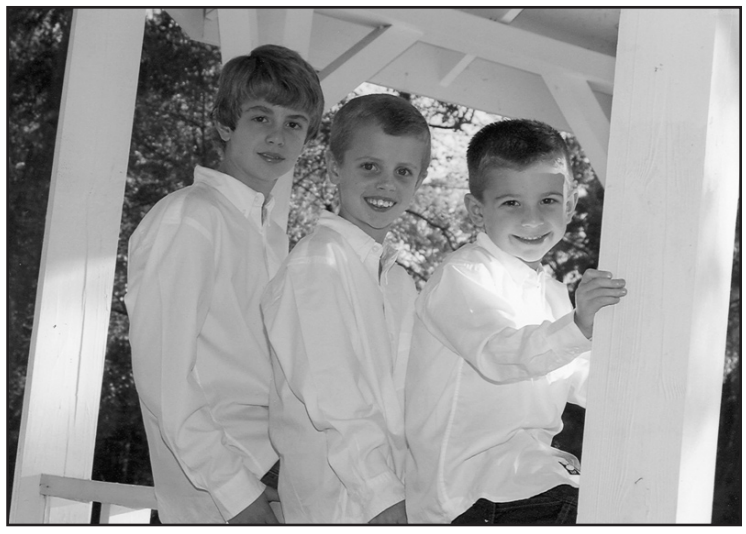
Jason Tyler Morgan and Josie Nilene Morgan are the children of Victoria and Kenny Morgan. They are the grandchildren of Dorislene and Kenneth Morgan and Pedro and Nina Molina.

Jason Tyler and Josie Nilene Morgan are the pride and joy of our lives through the teaching of them to be responsible people and to watch them grow everyday.

Jason is 7 and enjoys playing every sport offered throughout the year. He loves to eat Mazzio's pizza buffet and enjoys going to Ardmore to see his papa and nanny and grandma.

Josie will be one in June. She loves to clap her hands and shake her head. She also enjoys her big brother Jason.

Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry



Price Atteberry, 12, Matthew Atteberry, 8, and Jack Atteberry, 5, are the sons of Robert and Dana Atteberry of Kingwood, Texas.

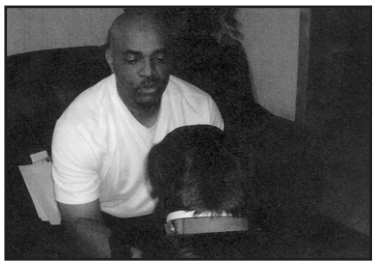
Price and Matthew are active in sports, baseball, basketball and football. They have won acclaim in their schoolwork.

Jack is in pre-kindergarten and doing well. He is interested in following into sports when he gets old enough.

They attend Woodridge Baptist Church in Kingwood. They are good representatives of our young people of Chickasaw decent.

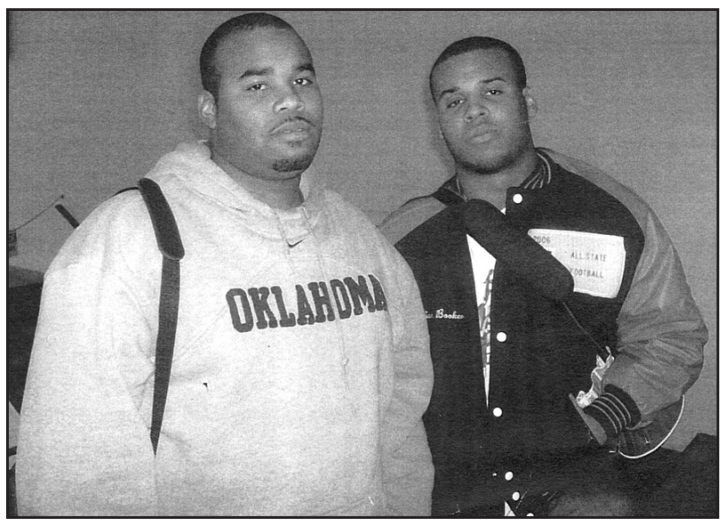
Grandmother Lillian Louise Haddock

Joe Booker



I love him and I thank God for him. God put us together and no one can separate us.

Joe and Brian Booker



Joe and Brian are my pride and joy. We are very proud of them and the things they have accomplished.

May God bless you both.

Love Mom and Dad (Joe and Delita Booker)

Charles and Lizzie Brown

My mom and dad are my pride and joy. They have been married for 50 years on March 5, 2007. I wish them the best and happiness.

I thank God for my parents. I love you both.

Delita Renee (Brown) Booker

Thank you for all the 2007 Pride and Joy submissions.

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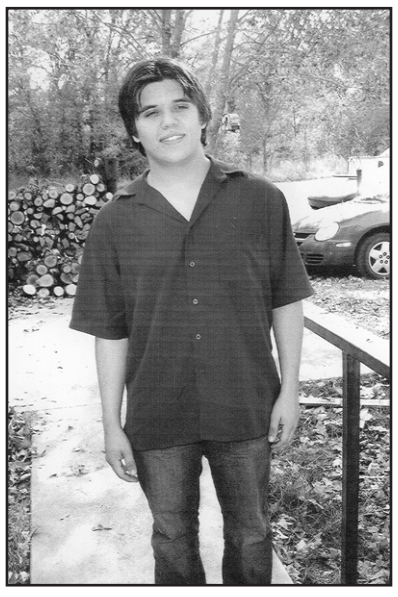
Marcia Gibson

Marcia Gibson is a 2007 graduate of Tomball High School, Tomball, Texas. She is the daughter of Lisa and Steve Gibson. She is the granddaughter of Lillian Sacra, original enrollee and the late Noweta Whiting Underwood.

Marcia has been active in Student Council for three years, National Honor Society two years, Spanish Honor Society two years, Choralle Choir four years (lettered in Choir), choir treasurer one year, basketball four years (lettered senior year), basketball Academic All District varsity team, senior girls club. She volunteers at SIRE (Self Improvement thru Riding Education) a handicapped rider equestrian program, member of United States Pony Club for many years, President of the Youth Board – Tejas Pony Club, two years. She shows her horse in eventing at the preliminary level.

Marcia has been accepted to Texas A&M University where she hopes to major in architecture.

Benjamin Charles Miller



Benjamin Charles Miller is a 2007 graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. He is the son of Bob and Cindy Miller. He is the grandson of the late Ben and Marie Miller and the late Charles and Doris Brown.

Ben is very outgoing and witty, he loves to play the guitar and is very outspoken on political issues like the war. He enjoys skateboarding, drawing and writing poetry.

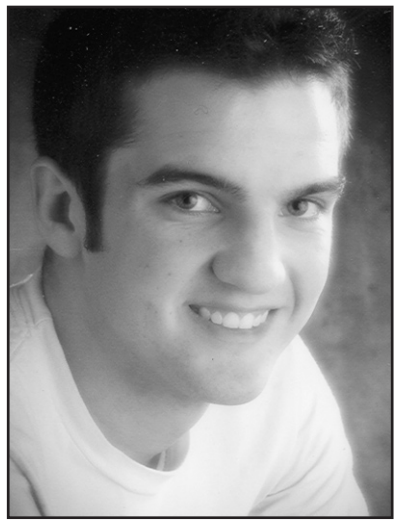
He plans to attend East Central University (OK), in film school and philosophy,

Laura Renee Carmichael

Laura Renee Carmichael is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Karl and Renee Burkhardt and the late Don Carmichael. She is the granddaughter of Dollie Harvey and the late Dorothy Fox.

Laura has been a member of the Oklahoma Trotters for six years, selected 2006 Trotter of the Year, BPA, math club, science club, Native Voices and cosmetology.

Her future plans include attending East Central University (OK) majoring in business-marketing and marrying Dane Robinson in June.



Vincent Michael Barnett

Vincent Michael Barnett is a 2007 graduate of Broken Arrow High School, Broken Arrow, Okla. He is the son of Rhonda Barnett and Michael Barnett. He is the grandson of James and Lois Ward and Keith and Loretta Barnett.

Vincent is involved in DECA.

He plans on attending Oklahoma State University and study to become a Mechanical Engineer. After graduation he plans to open his own Action Sport Camp.

Elizabeth M. Boswell

Elizabeth M. Boswell is a 2007 graduate of Sallisaw High School, Sallisaw, Okla. She is the daughter of Byrdeen Bedord and Guyla Boswell of Sallisaw. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Willie Courtney, Mattie Lee Woodcock Courtney, Lyle R. Goddard, Bernie Courtney Goddard and Raymond and Margaret Eakers.

Elizabeth is very proud of her Indian heritage and the fact that both of her great grandparents on the Courtney and Woodcock side were born in Oklahoma when Oklahoma was not a Nation.

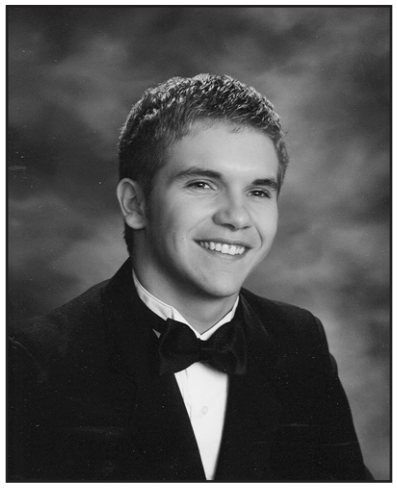
She has two brothers Byrdeen and Bernie Quintin who where also graduates of Sallisaw high school in previous years.

She played clarinet in the high school band. Her great-grandfather, Willie Courtney would have been proud of her as he played in the band at the inauguration of President Wilson. She specializes in upholstery and is active in her church and loves children.

She plans to attend college.

Her parents and grandparents are all proud of what she has accomplished in completing her education and of her plans for her future.

Ethan Ray Cox



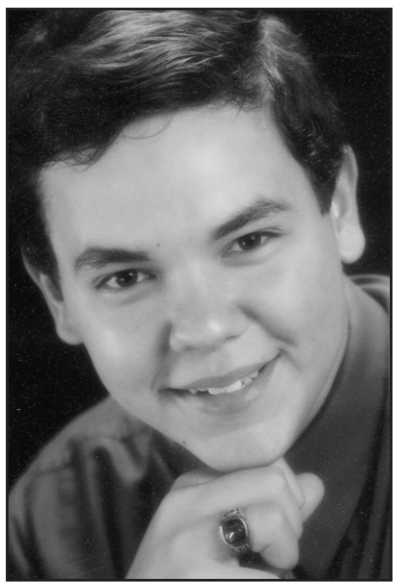
Ethan Ray Cox is a 2007 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. He is the son of Johnny and Karyn Cox of Kingston. He is the grandson of Virginia NeeSmith, Willis, Okla., the late Doyle and Florine (Pody) Stewart and Cebert and Hyahwahnah Cox, Willis.

Ethan is an active member of Texoma Southern Baptist Church, senior class president, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (president for the last two years), president of S.A.D.D., president of Latin Club, vice president of Young Republicans, member of the National Honor Society and Governor's Honor Club, Captain of Kingston High School football team, where he was a starter for both offense and defense for three years, All District Defensive Lineman his jr. and sr. years, All Star in football his junior year, All State Honorable Mention (senior year), All Area Honorable Mention (senior year), State Qualifier in power lifting (sophomore, junior and senior years). He was a member of STUCCO for three years, freshman class president, sophomore class vice president, junior class vice president and vice president of Kingston's SADD Chapter. Between his junior and senior year, Ethan went to New Orleans with the Southern Baptist Conference to help with the rebuilding of homes for Katrina survivors.

He was voted; most attractive, most outgoing and best personality by his graduating class.

He has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma where his plans are to study either architecture or physical therapy and sports medicine.

Timothy Adam Nail



Timothy Adam Nail is a 2007 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School, Wilmington, N.C. He is the son of Alton C. Nail and Barbara H. Nail.

Timothy was a member of the marching band, playing the baritone for 4 years, National Honor Society and the National Technical Society.

He plans to attend North Carolina University to study Civil Engineering.

Dolly Frances Krips

Dolly Frances Krips is a 2007 graduate of Christian Country Academy, Waterville, Kan. She is the daughter of Greg and Pamy Krips. She is the granddaughter of William H. Krips and the late Alice Fay (Hurd) Krips.

Dolly was home schooled K4 – 12th grade. She was in C.H.I.E.F. for three years, volleyball team Manhatten, Kan., worked part-time for four years, Christian Youth Group (four years), piano (four years) and guitar (4 years). She loves to be with friends and family.

She plans to attend Johnson County Community College, Kansas City, Kan.

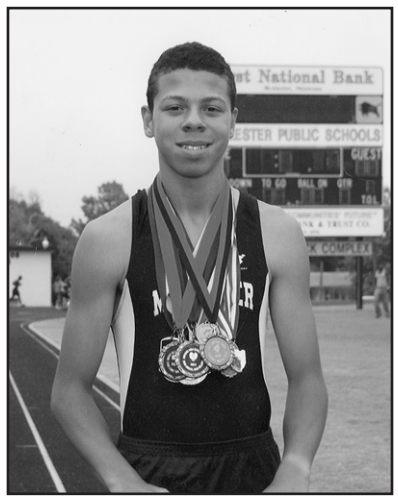
Kelsey Wingo

Kelsey Wingo is a 2007 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Mr. Mike Wingo and Brigette Carter. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Donaghey.

Kelsey has been a member of the Ada Band and plays in the percussion section. She is a member of the science club, Tantettes and participates in cosmetology at Pontotoc Vo-Tech.

She plans to attend East Central University (OK) to study music education.

Joe Thomas



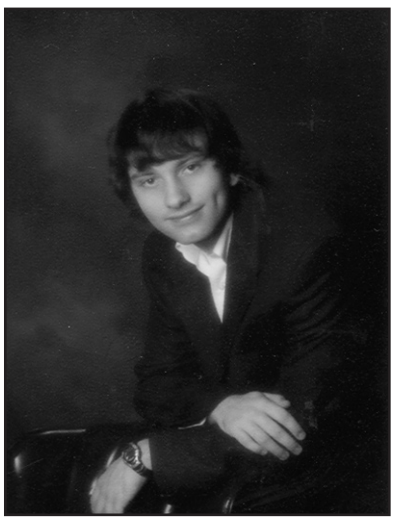
Joe Thomas is a 2007 graduate of McAlester High School, McAlester, Okla. He is the son of Billy Joe and Carrolen Thomas. He is the grandson of Joe and Ona Thomas and Oliver and Hattie Mat Chasteen.

Joe has been a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, Boy's Cross Country, Academic State Champions. He has participated in honor choir, basketball, bowling, volleyball, cross-country and track, student council and has served as class representative, treasurer and secretary. He is president of the Afro Student Union and also the McAlester school representative for Indian Education.

He holds the school record along with the other three members for the 1600-meter relay.

Joe plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College and later transferring to the University of Oklahoma. He wants to become a teacher and coach.

Joe's senior quote is, "some people dream of great accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them."



Will Hogan

Will Hogan is a 2007 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Kai Turley and step-dad Floyd Neugin. He is the grandson of Don and Laurel Turley and great-grandson of Virginia Smith.

Will is a member of the National Honor Society, National Indian Student Honor Society, BPA State, DECA State, Native American Academic Bowl, Ada High Performing Arts, Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month, Chickasaw Nation Student of the Year and BSA Eagle.

He plans to attend East Central University (OK) Honors Program.

Sarah Bates

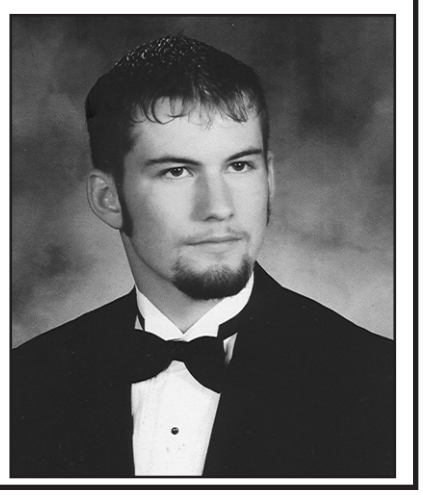
Sarah Bates is a 2007 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Bob and Mita Bates of Ardmore. She is the granddaughter of Bob and the late Barbara Bates and Dr. John and Bettye Minnet all of Chickasha, Okla. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Benjamin F. Collins.

Sarah is one of three valedictorians for Ardmore High School. She is also a graduate of Regional Math and Science High School in Ardmore.

She is an accomplished violist and regularly plays at services in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ardmore.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

Levi Neil Cave

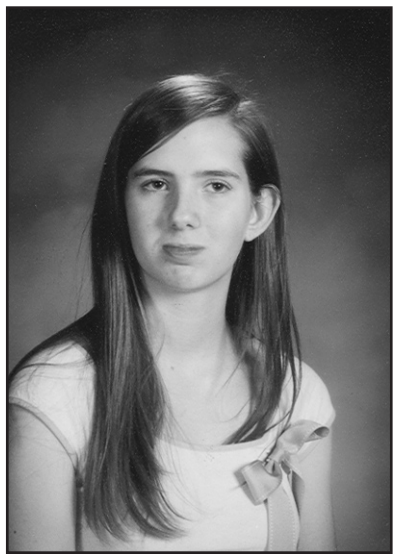


Levi Neil Cave is a 2007 graduate of Pampa High School, Pampa, Texas. He is the son of Harvey and Jo Rochelle. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee W.M. Kemp.

Levi has been active in track and football for three years. He is having a great senior year, going to school three hours a day, and working half-a-day at Hi-Plains Filtration.

He plans to attend Lubbock Christian University (Texas).

Emily Simpson



Emily Simpson is a 2007 graduate of Cypress Creek High School, Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Hank and Beth Simpson. She is the granddaughter of Calvin and Carolyn Simpson and Marvin and Grace Winsche.

Emily was named a National Merit Finalist. She is ranked second in a class of 645, and is active in theatre productions and improvisation group.

Emily is hoping to attend the University of Texas at Dallas or Sewanee and study psychology.

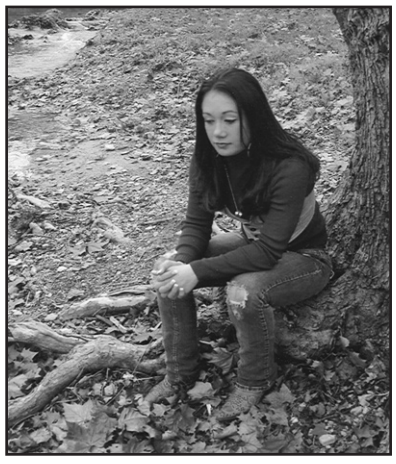
Francis Landeros

Francis Landeros is a 2007 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Ramona and Saul Perez, and Francisco Landeros. She is the granddaughter of Verna Johnson and the late Andy Lewis and Miguel and Francisca Landeros.

Francis has honors in English, algebra and parenting. She's achieved the level of merit for three consecutive years and has served her third year on student council. She is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is also Mississippi Choctaw and ½ Hispanic.

She plans to attend a community college and continue her education in nursing.

Rennie Micheal England

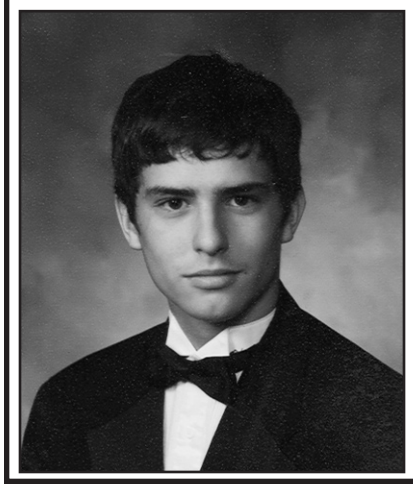


Rennie Micheal England is a 2007 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is the daughter of Kelly Wages and Michael England. She is the granddaughter of Rita England and Joe and Lena Higginbotham.

Rennie has been active in softball for four years, named to the All-State team, and named one of the number one catchers in Southern Oklahoma. She has been active in basketball for two years, track (two years), vocal (two years), National Honor Roll (three years), and named Biggest Who & Flirt for Who's Who's.

She plans to attend higher education in fall of 2007.

Randell Keeton Culwell



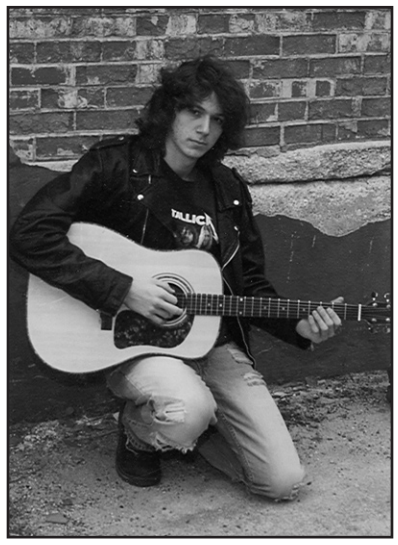
Randell Keeton Culwell is a 2007 graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Okla. He is the son of Renay Jacobs and the stepson of Allen Jacobs. He is the grandson of the late Geneva Hermes, the late Butch Culwell and Jane Culwell. Randy has a brother, Stuart Jacobs, 15, also attending Marietta school.

He is currently working in Ardmore, Okla., at the Sonic Drive-In as a cook.

He is undecided about college at this time.

His parents are very proud of him!

Shannon Littlefield



Shannon Littlefield is a 2007 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Teeoti Littlefield. He is the grandson of Darrell and Elizabeth Buckner and Pat and Jimmy Cox.

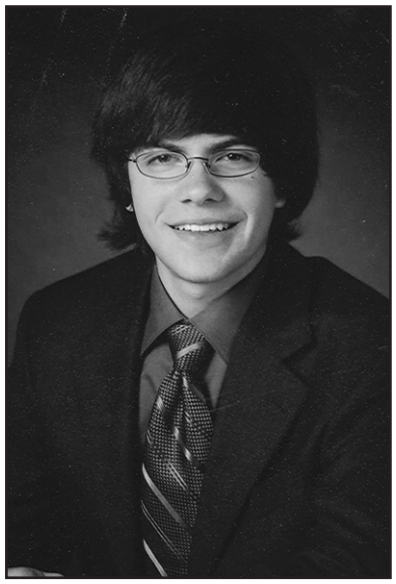
Shannon was vice president of his junior class. He placed second in computer concepts at Oklahoma State University and Southeastern University. He is vice president of Business Professionals of America (B.P.A.) and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He has maintained a perfect attendance for 2 years of Vo-Tech.

His educational goal is to receive his bachelor's degree in game design from ITT Technical Institute.

We love you and we are very proud of all that you have achieved.

Love Dad, Mom, sis and Grace.

Milo Colbert Johnston



Milo Colbert Johnston is a 2007 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. He is the son of Russell and Gayle Denney. He is the grandson of Ralph and Jeanelle Johnston, Carole Ellis, the late Don Ellis and Joe and Velda Denney.

Milo is active in Eagle Scouts, All District Chorus, National Honor Roll, National Honor Society, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Select Choir, Academic Team, Ardmoriete's Student of the Month, Principals Honor Roll, Chickasaw Governors Honor Roll and has volunteered for: Soup Kitchen, Firefighter Appreciation, Scouting for Food, Heartland Share Food Program and Salvation Army Food Baskets.

He plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the fall.

Hanna and Hailey Nutt

Hanna and Hailey Nutt are 2007 graduates of Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Ark. They are the daughters of Houston and Diana Nutt.

Hanna is a member of the National Honor Society and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She is captain of the Fayetteville cheerleading squad.

She plans to attend the University of Arkansas, majoring in television broadcasting.

Hailey is captain of the basketball team; she led her team as the offensive MVP, All Conference and All State. She is a 4-year letterman and has been selected as a member for the All State Tournament Team and will be playing in the Arkansas All Star game in June.

She will be attending the University of Arkansas, majoring in sports medicine and plans to coach in the future.

Margaret Lee Gooding-Silverwood

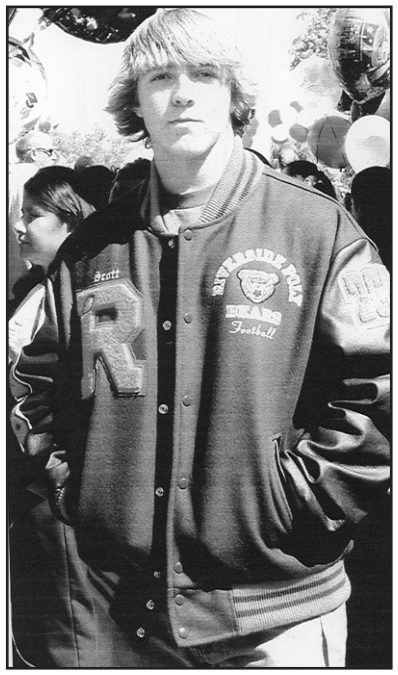
Margaret Lee Gooding-Silverwood is a 2007 graduate of The New School of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, Va. She is daughter of Mark and Rozanne Silverwood. She is the granddaughter of John and Patricia Silverwood, Devon, Pa., Patsy Anne Gooding, Anna, Texas, and the late Francis Marion Gooding. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee, the late Charles Holmes Gooding, Sr.

Margaret has a GPA of 4.2 and received an Honors Program certificate. She was a four-year member of the New School's Fairness committee, holding leadership positions annually and serving as president of the committee during her senior year. In addition to excelling in many academic disciplines, she is consummate artist both musically, by way of her guitar and vocal virtuosity, and in the fine arts, through her multimedia expressions that have received honorable recognition at the School Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts. But her most widely appreciated artistic endeavors have been in the field of culinary arts performed regularly in the Silverwood family kitchen. (We will sorely miss her chicken cacciatore!)

She has received an academic scholarship at Eugene Lang College of The New School of Liberal Arts in New York City where she has chosen a concentration in media and cultural studies.

As proud parents we wish Margaret all the best in life and have every confidence that she will accomplish her many and personal goals with fearlessness and grace.

Scott Andrew Thompson



Scott Andrew Thompson is a 2007 graduate of Riverside Poly High School, Riverside, Cali. He is the son of Ron Thompson Jr. He is the grandson of Ron Thompson Sr. and Sharon Thompson.

Scott's has been active in freshman football and then lettered varsity football 2 years. His favorite subject is math, his hobbies include working out, weight lifting and paintball.

His plan for the future is to attend college.

Tracey Dawn Futischa

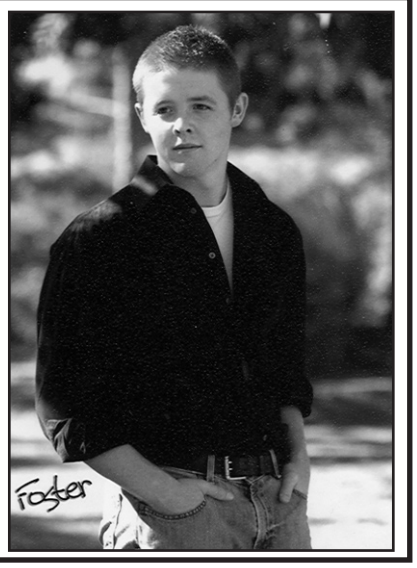
Tracey Dawn Futischa is a 2007 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Brenda and Jody Rowland. She is the granddaughter of Barbara and Roy Futischa.

Tracey has two brothers, Shawn Futischa and Jody Rowland, II and two children, Kaiden and Naomi Harjo.

Tracey was active in basketball from seventh grade to 11th grade and was on the Honor Roll for 3 years. She is a member of Ada First Indian Baptist Church.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada.

Foster Ross Biggers



Foster Ross Biggers is a 2007 graduate of Putnam City West High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Mike and Kellie Biggers. He is the grandson of Harvey and Rita Norris.

Foster is a two-year varsity baseball player. He is a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and a member of FCA.

He plans to play college baseball and become a teacher and coach.

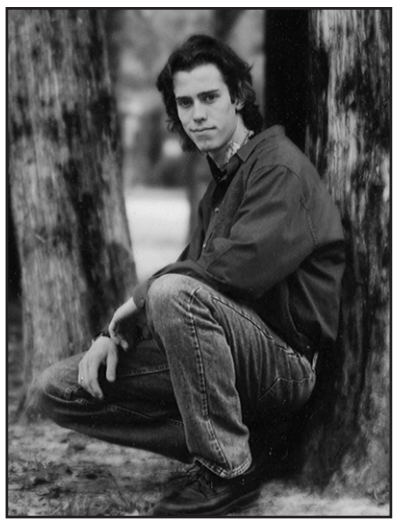
Piper Norvell

Piper Norvell is a 2007 graduate of Frederick High School, Frederick, Okla. She is the daughter of Marc and Dana Norvell. She is the granddaughter of Glynn and Elizabeth Norvell.

Piper has been active in basketball, golf, slow-pitch softball, FFA, video production and the academic team. She has maintained a 3.98 grade point average (GPA).

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman to major in broadcasting.

Benjamin Joel Clayton



Benjamin Joel Clayton is a 2007 home school graduate. He is the son of Jack (Bud) and Becky Clayton, Tyler, Texas. He is the grandson of Don and June Leake and Glenda Clayton.

Ben enjoys being outdoors and is currently working part time at Kevin New Construction. He likes running track and cross-country and for the past 4-½ years he has enjoyed theatrical sword fighting. He currently has almost 50 hours of CLEP college credits and is working towards a degree in applied sciences in technology.

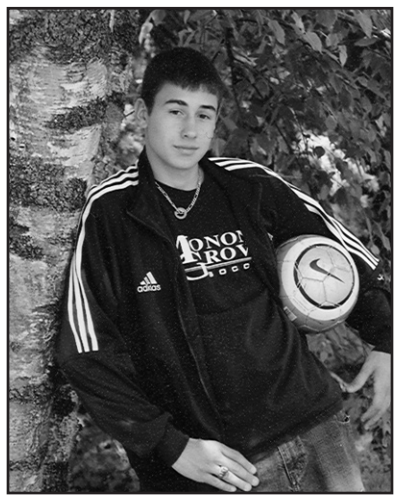
Paige Elizabeth Davis

Paige Elizabeth Davis is a 2007 graduate of Norman North High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Dee Ann Davis. She is the granddaughter of Welma J. Byars Davis.

Paige has been member of the National Honor Society and the Indian Club for four years. She is a member of choir and is an office aide.

She plans to attend Norman-Moore Vocational School and go into Business Tech.

Eric Stilson

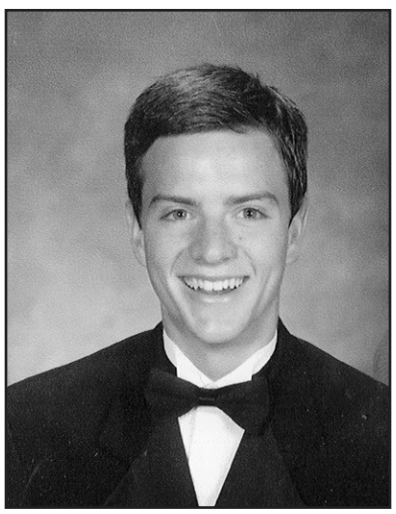


Eric Stilson is a 2007 graduate of Monona Grove High School, Monona, Wis. He is the son of Joseph and Colleen Stilson. He is the grandson of Meta Hayes and Vern Stilson.

Eric has been active in soccer for four years, and has played tennis and ran track. He is a member of Prespectives.

He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee where he plans on studying physics and music.

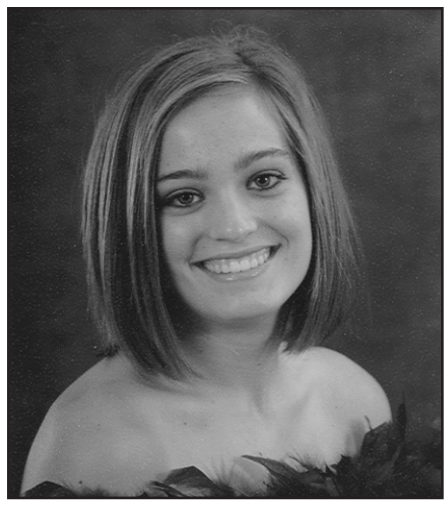
Christopher Mead



Christopher Mead is a 2007 graduate of Paris High School, Paris, Texas. He is the son of Mary and Danny Mead. He is the grandson of June and Bill Vest and Flora and Hearl Mead.

Christopher plans to attend Texas A & M Commerce as a music major and continue to pursue a career as a professional percussionist and playing with his band "Artless."

Lauren Ashley Fournier

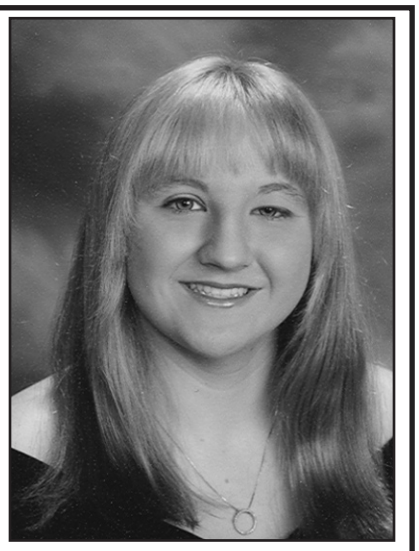


Lauren Ashley Fournier is a 2007 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. She is the daughter of Louis and Melanie Fournier. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Justine McNeely and Lou and Kathy Fournier.

Lauren has been member of varsity soccer for four years, National Honor Society and Senior Board. She has been involved in various community service projects, club soccer at NOKC. She is an Oklahoman Academic Scholar.

She will be attending Oklahoma State University, Norman, to major in English.

Randi Jo Duke



Randi Jo Duke is a 2007 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Cecil and Lori Duke. She is the granddaughter of Noma Tate, Joyce Miller and Mary Helen Wright.

Randi participates in tennis (singles and doubles), band, the bowling team, forensics, Honor Roll, karate and dance.

She plans to attend Southeastern State University, Durant, to obtain a bachelor of science in nursing.

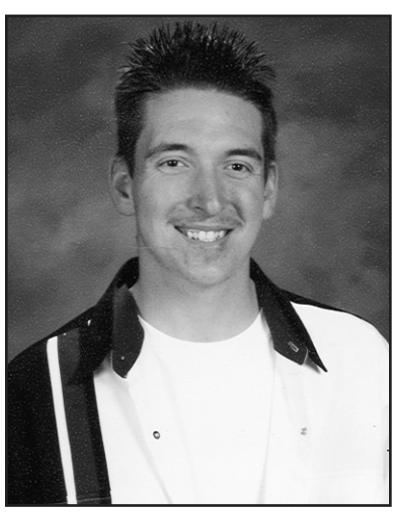
Ryan Jacobs

Ryan Jacobs is a 2007 graduate of Nordhoff High School, Ojai, Calif. He is the son of Mark Jacobs and Carri Jacobs. He is the grandson of Sheri and Todd Herrick and Norman and Jeane Jacobs.

Ryan has been active in Gold Key for four years, basketball for four years, Honor Society four years and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for three years.

He plans to attend Northern Arizona University working toward a bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

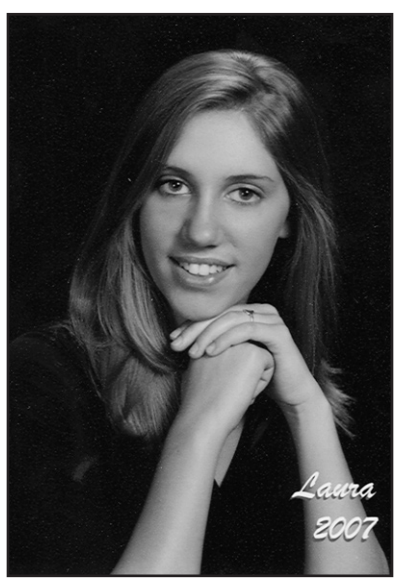
Nolton Henry Crawford



Nolton Henry Crawford is a 2007 graduate of Selma High School, Selma, Calif. He is the son of Kathleen Crawford and Paul Strain. He is the grandson of John and Patsy Crawford.

Nolton maintained perfect attendance. He is currently working part time for the school district in work experience and hopes to get hired after graduation. He is a good student with a positive attitude and great sense of humor.

Laura Pence

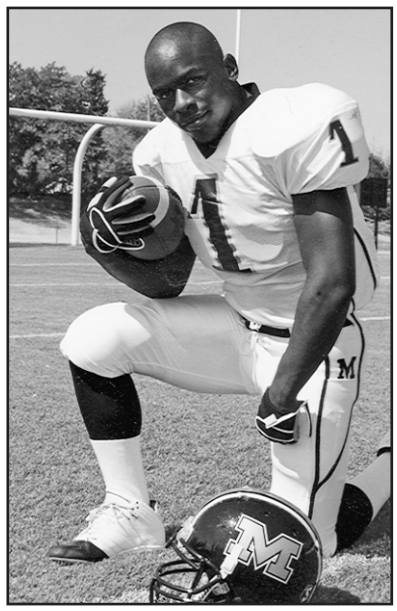


Laura Pence is a 2007 graduate of The Woodlands High School, The Woodlands, Texas. She is the daughter of Doug and Joanne Pence. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Carolyn Pence and Bill and Claire Hartman.

Laura has been active in band, drum major and National Honor Society.

She plans to attend Charleston Southern University Honors Program and major in business management and minor in political science.

Melvin Jackson

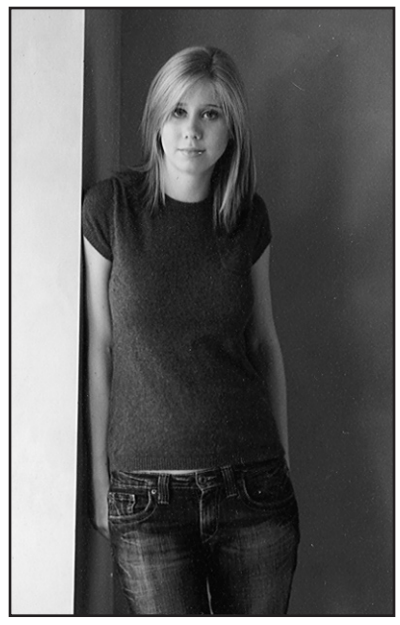


Melvin Jackson is a 2007 graduate of McAlester High School, McAlester, Okla. He is the son of Lisa McCoy. He is the grandson of Lana and Alice Bowers Walker.

Melvin was named OFBCA 2007 Outstanding Bench Lifter, Dead Lift, Lightweight -Large School, 2007 Salina Wildcat Power Lifting Meet – Large School, Heavy Weight and Outstanding Lifter, 2007 Salina Wildcat Power Lifting Meet – Large School, Light Weight and Outstanding Bench, 2007 Salina Wildcat Lifting Meet – first place, Large School, 2007 State OFBCA Power Lifting, first place – Large School, 2007 First Place Invitational and 2006 Defensive MVP – All Area SE All District 4.

He plans to attend college.

Emily Jeanette Chalkley



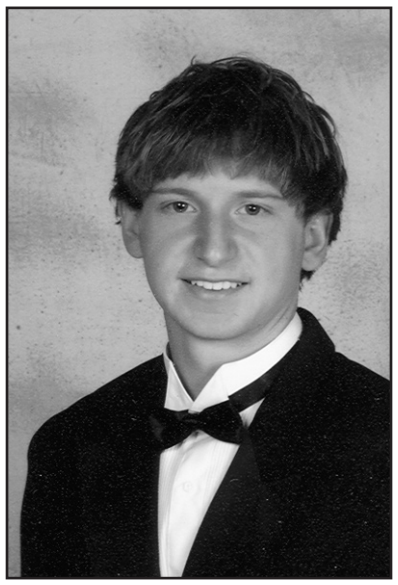
Emily Jeanette Chalkley is a 2007 graduate of Brentwood High School, Brentwood, Tenn. She is the daughter of Roger Chalkley and Linda Sealy. She is the granddaughter of Lymond L. Sealy and Wilma Sealy and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lymond Sealy.

Emily is a member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Honor Roll (every year) and National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude.

She also participated in girls' lacrosse, marching band, teen court and Model U.N.

She will attend New York University next fall.

Hollis Adams, III



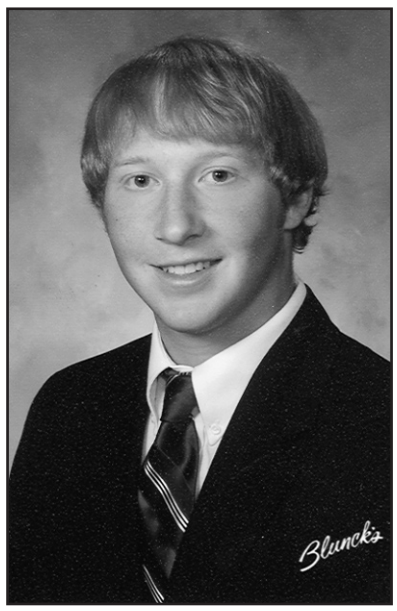
Hollis Adams, III is a 2007 graduate of Midway High School, Henrietta, Texas. He is the son of Hollis and Teresa Adams. He is the grandson of Hearl and Flora Mead.

Hollis has been involved in Cross Country for four years (qualifying for regionals all four years), basketball for four years, (qualifying for playoffs three of those fours years), track for four years, (making it to area three years and still competing in the fourth year) and tennis for three years. In UIL Academics, he has competed in various writing, math and science contests. Last year Hollis' calculator team went home with the silver medal from the state meet. He has competed in One Act Plays for two years, last year the play advanced and is still competing with this year's OAP season.

Hollis has been active in FFA for four years serving as chapter officer for two years. He has competed in FFA Leadership Development, Career Development, Livestock and Ag Mechanic Shows. Hollis is vice president of the FFA. He has been active in National Honors Society for four years and Student Council for three years. He is president of student council. Hollis has competed at state levels of the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association for four years.

He plans to attend Texas Tech to study pre-medicine.

Kevin Lee Sommers

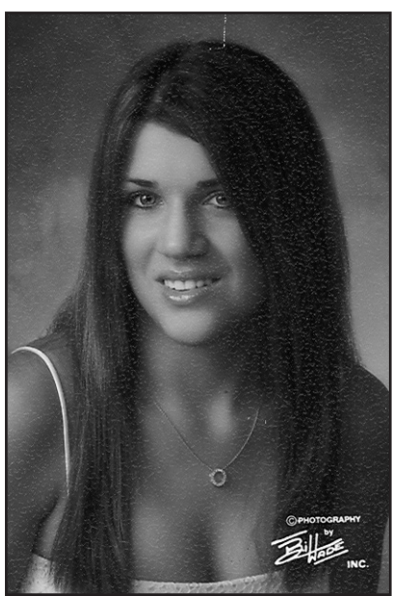


Kevin Lee Sommers is a 2007 graduate of Enid High School, Enid, Okla. He is the son of Stephen and Linda Sommers. He is the grandson of Marjory G. Scoggin and the late Henry B. Scoggin, the late Albert Lee Sommers and the late Oleta Maye Sommers.

Kevin will graduate with a Certificate of Distinction, the honor's diploma for the state. He has been a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. He is active in football, basketball, track and has lettered in varsity tennis for two years. He is also a member of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and plays in various USTA tennis tournaments throughout Oklahoma.

He will be attending Oklahoma State University during the fall semester, 2007. His purpose and goals are to obtain a bachelor degree in arts and sciences.

Megan Martin



Megan Martin is a 2007 graduate of Routt Catholic High School, Jacksonville, Ill. She is the daughter of Bruce and Margie Martin. She is the granddaughter of Beaulah Shavney, Ada, Okla., and Jerry and Jean Martin,Tulsa.

Megan has been a member of the volleyball team for two years, National Honor Society, Ambassador's Club and is a Eucharistic Minister. She has lettered four years in basketball and softball.

Megan plans on attending the University of Missouri and majoring in physical therapy.

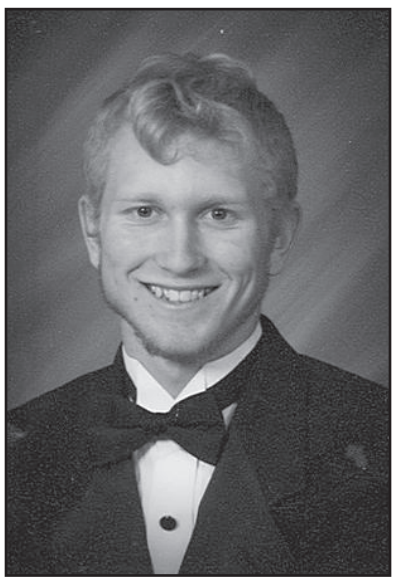
Robert Steven Wayne Warren

Robert Steven Wayne Warren is a 2007 graduate of Ponca City High School, Ponca City, Okla. He is the son of Wayne "Fuzzy" and Gwen Warren. He is the grandson of Tom and Bettie Short and William and Eunice Warren.

Steven was named All-State Band and All-State Jazz Band. He has been a member of National Society of High School Scholars, *Who's Who in Sports*, National Honor Roll, Walk for Cancer Care, Mid-West Clinic in Chicago, president of Appalachia Service Project, band council, Leo Club and *Who's Who Among High School Students*.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in music.

Dillon Lack



Dillon Lack is a 2007 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. He is the son of Shana Lack and Doug Jarrel. He is the grandson of Charles and Emma Lack and Mitch and Donna Jarrel.

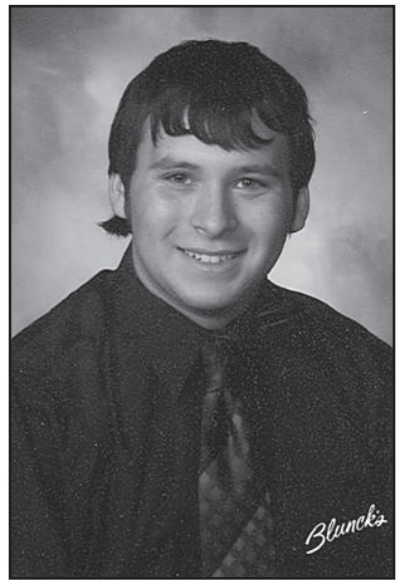
Dillon attended the Newcastle (OK) Public School System in elementary and junior high and became very successful in athletics. He was active in football, baseball, track and weight lifting. He has attended Purcell High School for the last three years graduating with numerous track and weight lifting medals. His football season ended with his team being state runner-up.

Dillon has chosen to join the U.S. Air Force. He leaves June 19, 2007.

Thank you Dillon for who you are and I will always be right here. Congratulations and good luck.

Mom

Taron Scott Gilpin



Taron Scott Gilpin is a 2007 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Monty and Rana Gilpin. He is the grandson of Dallas and Voyn Boggs, Milburn, Okla., Linda Gilpin and the late Dave Gilpin, Kingston, Okla., and Ben and Joyce Peak, Leavenworth, Kan.

Taron has been active in FFA and high school band. He has attended the Tishomingo School System since kindergarten. He enjoys hunting, fishing, riding four-wheelers and being outdoors. He also likes playing paintball and spending time with friends and family.

He plans to continue working at Sooner Foods while working towards an associate degree in General Education at Murray State College, Tishomingo. He will then continue his education at East Central University seeking a major in cartography.

Marissa Eaves

Marissa Eaves is a 2007 graduate of Latta High School, Latta, Okla. She is the daughter of Russell and Cathy Eaves. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Linda Medlock and Glen and Bettie Eaves.

Marissa was named Sophomore Chickasaw Female Student of the Year. She is active in the Latta Chapter National Honor Society (reporter), Latta DECA (videographer and state finalist), Citizen's Bank for Tomorrow Board Member, STUCO representative, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Chickasaw Honor Club, Ada Rotary Student of the Month for November 2006, Ada Elk's Lodge Student of the Month for December 2006, Latta varsity basketball team for 3 years and Latta golf team for 3 years.

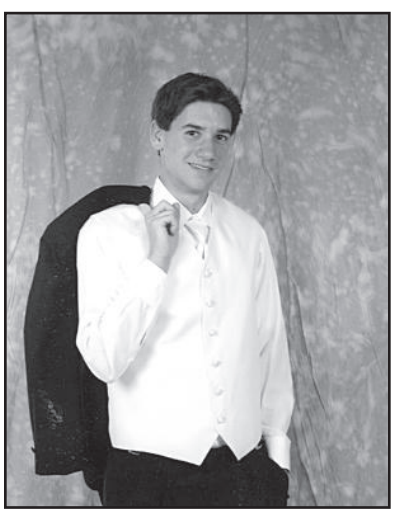
Kyle Ross Lehenbauer

Kyle Ross Lehenbauer is a 2007 graduate of North Kansas City High School, Kansas City, Mo. He is the son of Jerry and Ranae Lehenbauer. He is the grandson of late H.B Scoggin, Mrs. Marjory Scoggin and Mary and Merl Lehenbauer.

Kyle is a member of the North Kansas City High School (NKCHS) varsity tennis team lettering 4 years, named 2006 MVP, Kansas City Star Honorable Mention doubles team; NKCHS Olympiad, National Honor Society, NKCHS band, Outstanding Student of the Year (freshman integrated science; sophomore biology; junior biology; junior chemistry; and junior communication arts).

He plans to attend the University of Missouri Columbia, majoring in biochemistry, preparing for medical school.

Sean Robert Heller



Sean Robert Heller is a 2007 graduate of Gregory-Portland High School, Portland, Texas. He is the son of Robert and Catherine Heller. He is the grandson of Judge J. Winston and Dr. Josephine Raburn and the great-grandson of the late Hazel Pybas Raburn, original enrollee.

Sean is a member of the math club, National Honor Society and varsity tennis. He has been All District First Team in singles and doubles and is District Champion in doubles. He is USTA Championship ranked in Texas and is ranked in the top 10% in his class.

He will attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall to study Engineering.

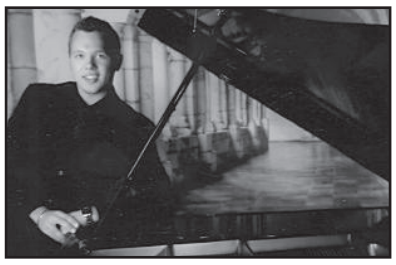
Elizabeth Anne Hendricks

Elizabeth Anne Hendricks is a 2007 graduate of Silo High School, Silo, Okla. She is the daughter of Jennifer Hendricks and the late Cadian Colbert Hendricks. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Spellman, the late Gladys Colbert Martin and Karen Armstrong.

Elizabeth participated in softball, basketball and was FCCLA president. She was a member of the Cadde United Methodist Church.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo to purse a degree in education.

Bryson Cole Vann



Bryson Cole Vann is a 2007 graduate of Wapanucka High School, Wapanucka, Okla. He is the son of Bill and Tracy Vann and Sondra and Dave Heaverin. He is the grandson of Charles and Erma Vann and Jack and Margie Harrison.

Bryson is the 2007 Wapanucka valedictorian. He is a member of the National Honor Society, student council president, academic team captain, senior class president, State Honor Society, Lion's Club Student of the Month and FCA.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla..

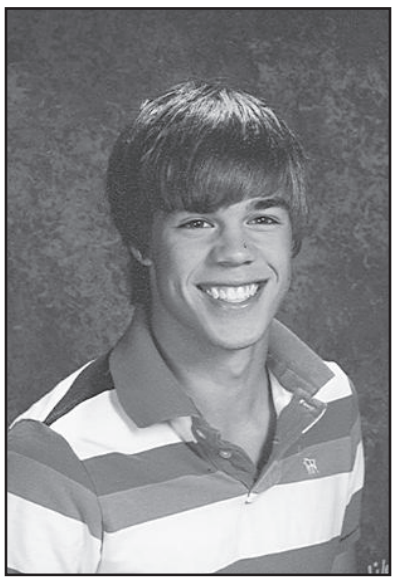
Rachel V.M. Underwood

Rachel V.M. Underwood is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Scott Underwood and Cruella Catron. She is the granddaughter of Phyllis Lattie of Connerville, Okla., Melvin Sampson of Hominy, Okla., and C.D. and Wilma Underwood of Regan, Okla.

Rachel is a member of the National Honor Society, cross country track, a Vision Bank Student Board Member, concurrent enrollment at East Central University, Ada, and Oklahoma National Guard.

She plans on attending the University of Oklahoma medical school to be a surgeon.

Dylan Andrew Tuckel



Dylan Andrew Tuckel is a 2007 graduate of Bonner Springs High School, Bonner Springs, Kan. He is the son of Steve and Lea Tuckel. He is the grandson of Glenn and Delores Tuckel.

Dylan is active in soccer, football and ran cross-country. He also played drums in the school band in lower grades.

He works at a clothing store on nights and weekends and when he has time he loves to skate board and drive his camaro.

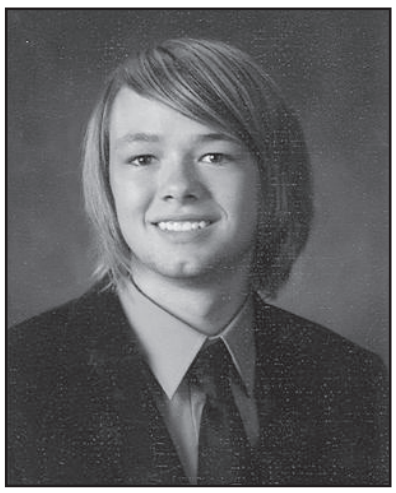
Caleb Edward Biele

Caleb Edward Biele is a 2007 graduate of Fringe Tree Academy (home schooled), Charlotte, N.C. He is the son of Steven and Deborah Biele. He is the grandson of Charles and Deborah Blankenship.

Caleb is active in baseball, and plays the guitar for Youth Praise at Hickroy Baptist Church, from middle school throughout high school.

He plans to begin community college the fall of 2007.

Ben Trosper



Ben Trosper is a 2007 graduate of Bishop McGuiness Catholic High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Kevin and Patty Trosper. He is the grandson of Jim and Jeri Floyd and the late Kevin and Jane Trosper.

Ben is a member of the National Honor Society and played on the two-time 4A State Champion basketball team.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, in the fall.

Malinda Maus

Malinda Maus is a 2007 graduate of Richland High School, North Richland Hills, Texas. She is the daughter of Mary Chase Maus and Michael Maus. She is the granddaughter of William and Idalue Chase.

Malinda has been active in band, National Honor Society, Link Crew, student council, Texas Association of Future Educators and the school mascot, Lady Rebel.

She plans to attend Texas Wesleyan University and major in elementary education.

Nevada Cole

Nevada Cole is a 2007 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. He is the son of Rosanna Easterling and Ronald Cole. He is the grandson of the late Coy Easterling and Dawatha Easterling, Kenneth and Elsie Cole and the great-grandson of Mosie Ed Bryant.

Nevada has participated in basketball, football and track since seventh grade. He was offensive MVP in 2005 and has been chosen as All-State by class 2A in 2007, and played high school golf for 3 years.

He has been a member of FFA for four years serving as vice president and president. He has shown cattle since the third grade.

Nevada's hobbies include: going to Lake Texoma, 4-wheeling, hunting, raising bucking bulls, and hanging out with his brother, Dakota, and friends.

He has signed a letter of intent to play football at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Haley Sperry

Haley Sperry is a 2007 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Cindy Sperry and the late Mitch Sperry. She is the granddaughter of Bob Sperry, Pat and J.T. Garrett and Mike and Sue Flies.

Haley participated in softball and tennis for four years. Her senior year she was a member of the All Conference Team, All Area, Southern Oklahoma All-Star Team and was named to the All-State Team in softball.

She is a Blue Ribbon Scholar, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students,* Superintendents Honor Roll, Daily Ardmoreite Student of the Week, Kiwanis November Student of the Month and was nominated for Academic All-State. She has a 3.9 GPA and is in the top 5% of her graduating class.

He plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in journalism with an emphasis in professional writing.

Kari Steakley

Kari Steakley is a 2007 graduate of Calera High School, Calera, Okla. She is the daughter of Dottie Steakley.

She attended the Silo School System from headstart until her mid-junior year then transferred to Calera High School in January of 2006. She played junior high and high school basketball, high school softball and was active in varsity show choir. She is a member of the Stepps program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Her goal is to attend nursing school and eventually become a registered nurse.

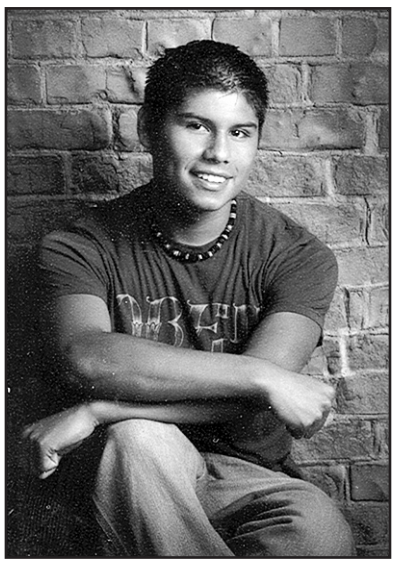
Amanda Kretzschmar

Amanda Kretzschmar is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Lorin and Marian Kretzschmar. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie Boyd and Phil and Bobbie Epperson.

Amanda was active in track and received her cosmetology license.

Her goal is to be a pediatric nurse, but if that doesn't work out she will pursue a carrer in cosmetology.

Jordan Parnacher

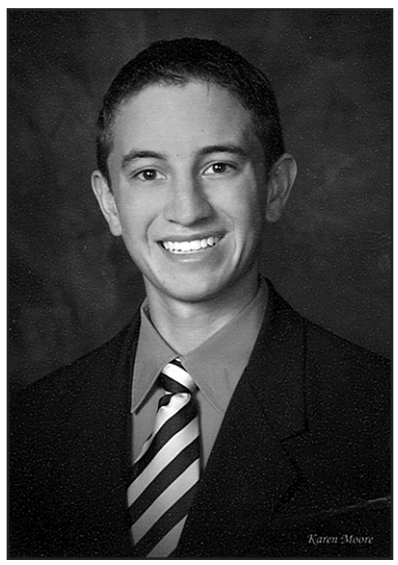


Jordan Orion Parnacher is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Dempsey and Kathy Mathis and Jerry and Carla Parnacher. He is the grandson of Lloyd and the late Eloise Parnacher and Horace and Dora Wilson and Phyllis Wilson.

Jordan is the president of Native Voices. At the 2007 4th Annual All Indian March Madness Tournament he was the 3-point Champion, team member of the high school boys championship team and named Outstanding Offensive Player. He was selected for the All-Star Classic (team West), nominated 2007 Chickasaw Athlete of the Year (results pending), 2006 3-point champion at the 3rd Annual All Indian March Madness Tournament, 2005 and 2006 War Hoops Boys 15-18 Champions at the Choctaw Nation Festival and a member of the 2006 Indigenous Games representing the Chickasaw Nation with Team Oklahoma.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada. His major is undecided at this time.

Alex Gene Speir

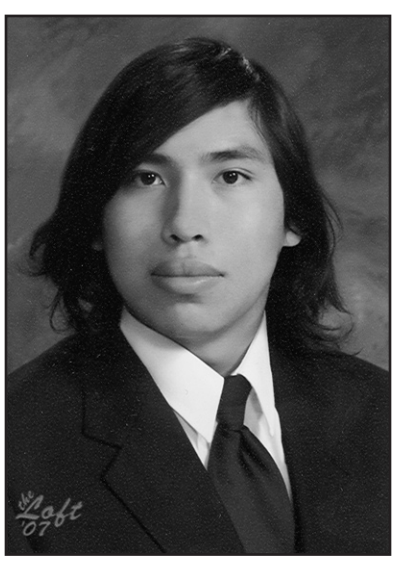


Alex Gene Speir is a 2007 graduate of Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM). He is the son of Terry and Nancy Lynn Stutte Speir. He is the grandson of Irene Williams Stutte, the late L.A. Stutte and Teddy and Gene Speir. He is the great-grandson of the late Silas and Eula Keel Williams, Marie Thompson and the late Ted Thompson.

Alex's school activities include: completing a mentorship with GREAT at the OU Health Science Center this year on the topic of "Ethanol Withdrawal and Startle Reaction", director of the OSSM Jazz Band, accepted at Oklahoma University, Tulsa University the University of the South, Macalester College, Amherst College and Dartmouth. He received numerous scholarships from each of these colleges. He was named 2007 Oklahoma Academic Scholar and is a finalist for the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship. His extracurricular activities include: attending 2006 Oklahoma Boy's State (elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, named first alternate to Boy's National in Washington D.C., selected to give a speech at the ceremony honoring Vietnam veterans), a member of Oklahoma Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., attending a three week math and science bride program in Sewanee, Tenn., served as legislative page for Rep. Dale Turner (elected Governor of Pageville and delivered a State of the Union speech to the mock legislators) and receiving the Hefner Scholarship allowing him to travel to China in July 2007.

His plans are to study political science and to become involved in politics after receiving his law degree.

Matt James

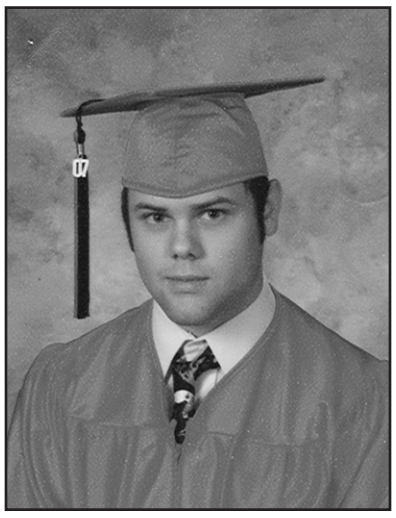


Matt James is a 2007 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Darla Christie, and Patrick and Lynne James. He is the grandson of LaRoy and the late Larine Christie and the late Alex James.

Matt is a member of AHS Native American Club serving as vice-chairman his senior year and public relations his junior year, Warrior 06-07, JOM Student Representative, a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, and a member of Archard Road Baptist Church.

He plans on attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.

Kyle Reese Smith



Kyle Reese Smith is a 2007 graduate of Humble Christian School, Huffman, Texas. He is the son of Herman and Sherian Smith. He is the grandson of Francis T. Smith and the late Sallie Smith, Houston, James O. (Bill) Ferrill and the late Nelda Ferrill, Katy, Texas.

Kyle is a 2000 Texas State wrestling finalist, and an accomplished and talented sketch artist and guitarist.

He has participated in ACSI Art Festival for four years, 2007-Finalist in Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's "Quick Draw Contest,". He is a member of the youth band at church, the 2005-Cougar Yearbook cover designer, defensive MVP for 2 years and HCS Cougar Football.

He plans to attend college and eventually art school.

Mercedes Lee Pipins

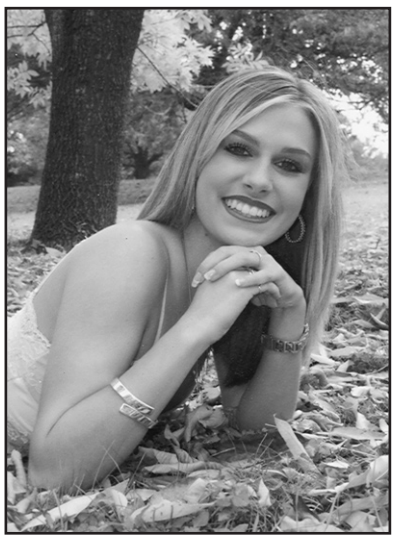
Mercedes Lee Pipins is a 2007 graduate of Claremont High School, Claremont, Calif. She is the daughter of Roseanne Pipins and the sister of D.J. Wands. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Angie Pipins and the great-granddaughter of the late Jane Liddell. Her great-great-grandmother was Minnie Keel Liddell of Marietta, Okla.

Mercedes' interests are art and sewing. She has done volunteer work in the Prison Literacy Book Programs and her favorite subjects were history and politics.

She plans to attend Chaffey College to major in social services.

"We are very proud of her."

Courtney Ambers Morris

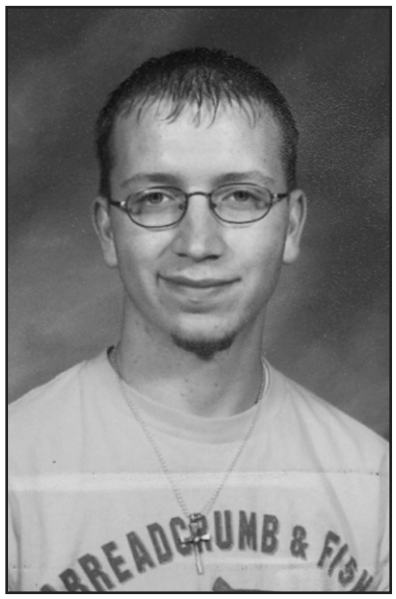


Courtney Ambers Morris is a 2007 graduate of Burnet High School, Burnet, Texas. She is the daughter of Jamie and Prissy Donaghey, Burnet, and Philip E. Morris, Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late Joe and Peggy Neal Riddle, and the late Herbert and Dorothy Morris. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Willie and Eva Neal.

Courtney lived in Ada and attended Glenwood, Hayes and Washington Schools until she moved to Burnet, Texas in 1998, which is the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas. She was a cheerleader and member of the Burnet Middle School for two years where she excelled in sports and maintained an A/B honor roll. Courtney has taken dance since she was three years old and has performed and competed in many dance competitions and recitals. She was a member of the Burnet High School Varsity Dance Team "Highlandettes" her freshman year. She has been a varsity cheerleader since her sophomore year where she was chosen to perform/cheer the last three years at the Alamo Bowl Game. She is 17 years old. She was crowned "Young Miss Burnett 2002," "Miss Aqua Boom 2004," and most recently crowned "Miss Burnett Bluebonnet 2007," in which she will receive a $500 scholarship at the end of her reign in 2008. Courtney has been a member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She volunteers for the "Memory Walk for Alzheimer's" each year in Marble Falls, Texas. She is the youngest of three children and the only girl. She works as a receptionist for the Wind Chime Village, goes to school and still maintains her grades on the A/B Honor Roll.

She plans to attend Blinn Jr. College in College Station, Texas, to receive her degree in dental hygiene.

Justin R.S. Goit

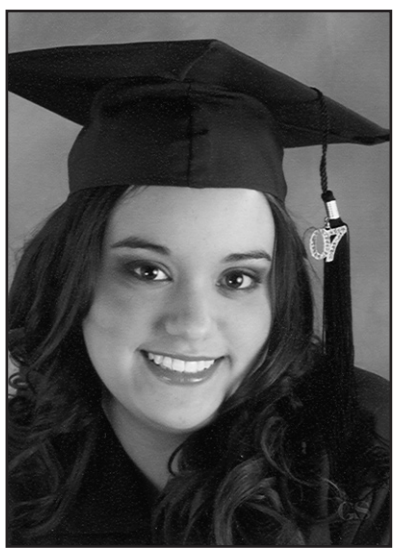


Justin R.S. Goit is a 2007 graduate of Wanette High School, Wanette, Okla. He is the son of Dan and Sherri Goit. He is the grandson of Betty Rhynes, (granddaughter of Bryan Goldsby) Goldsby, Okla.

Justin is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars with a 3.14 GPA. He has been active in baseball, scouts and basketball where he was top scorer on his team two years ago and a member of the league champions at O.C.C.C.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to study political science.

Jadyn Breanne Montgomery

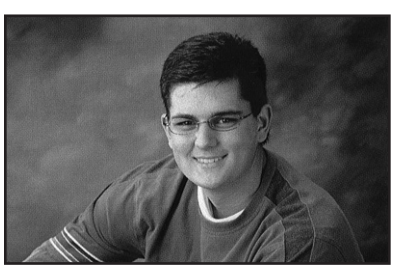


Jadyn Breanne Montgomery is a 2007 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. She is the daughter of Dixon and Jennifer Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Magdalene and the late Forrest Montgomery and James and Jeffie Crawford.

Jadyn has been a member of the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, JOM Student Rep., student council, Rotary Club, Key Club, softball and tennis.

She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College this fall.

Kyle Owen Maytubby



Kyle Owen Maytubby is a 2007 graduate of Frisco High School, Frisco, Texas. He is the son of Dan and Lynnette Maytubby. He is the grandson of Bill and Sue Maytubby.

Kyle was active in football for four years, varsity – Regional Champs 2006 and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is enlisting in the U.S. Army.

Maiganne Brook Johns

Maiganne Brook Johns is a 2007 graduate of Wayne High School, Wayne. Okla. She is the daughter of Pamela Johns and Robert Johns. She is the granddaughter of Clint and Charlene Hawkins and Pat Johns.

Maiganne is a very loving, caring young lady whose goal is to be a child psychologist.

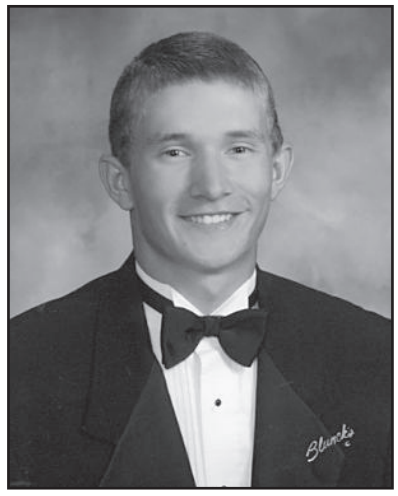
She has been a tutor for the last two years helping kids with reading and math. She has participated in FFA, Fish, FCCLA, Jr. Prom Committee, and teacher's aide. She played basketball since the sixth grade. She was named rebounder of the year her junior year and her senior year was picked for the Big Eight Conference Team.

She plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kans., to play basketball.

Way to go Maiganne! We love you very much and are so proud of you. Good luck!

Mom, Wayne, Miranda, grandma and grandpa

Wayde Allen Johnson

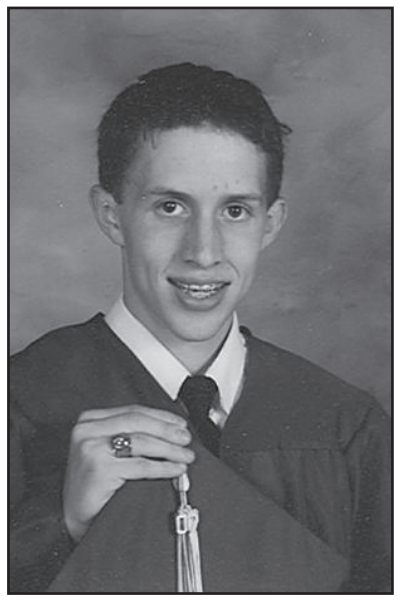


Wayde Allen Johnson is a 2007 graduate of Sterling High School, Sterling, Okla. He is the son of Wade and LeAnn Johnson. He is the grandson of Nettie Russell and Desmon and the late Peggy Johnson.

Wayde was active in basketball and baseball 4 years, student council three years, senior class secretary, received for basketball the Tiger Pride Award four years, basketball MVP, junior high basketball MVP, KFXI Foxy 92 - sixth player award, KFXI Foxy 92 - All Tournament Team, National Merit of America Award for physical fitness, Sr. Class Most Athletic, Daily Oklahoman All State Honorable Mention and Tulsa World All State Honorable Mention.

He plans to attend Cameron University, Lawton, Okla., to major in braodcasting.

Trevor Bush



Trevor Bush is a 2007 graduate of Ector High School, Ector, Texas. He is the son of Danny and Marcy Bush. He is the grandson of Tom and Linda Cooper and Mary Bush.

Trevor was active in basketball for four years, baseball for two years, track and cross country for three years, and golf for four years. He competed in UIL One Act Play, for four years, FCA for four years, president of FCA his senior year, FCCLA one year and FFA one year. He has achieved an award for Eagle Scout in boy scouts. He is a member of the Youth Group at Boyd Baptist Church and has been a youth leader for four years.

He plans on going to college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla., to major in communications and minor in leadership. He plans to become a youth minister after college graduation.

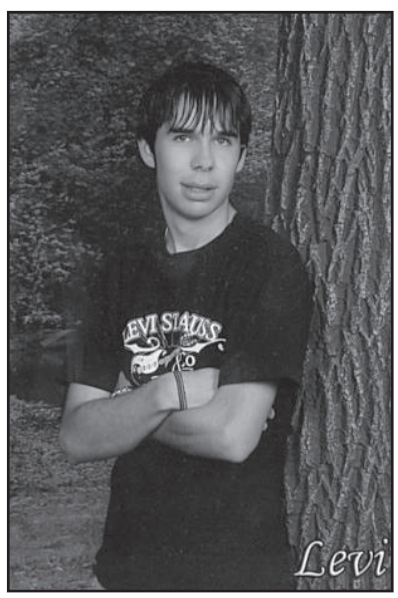
Lauren Morgan

Lauren Morgan is a 2007 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Adrienne Morgan. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Morgan and the late James Morgan.

Lauren has been a member of the Governor's Honor Roll for two years and choir for three years. She has worked for the Chickasaw Nation Youth Program for 2 years and Sonic.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo..

Levi Aaron Price



Levi Aaron Price is a 2007 graduate of Silo High School, Silo, Okla. He is the son of Kelly and Ethel (Sue) Price. He is the grandson of Donald and Jackie Price, Suzanne Price and the late Jack and Elsie Seawright.

His list of accomplishments include Principal's Honor Roll for four years and a four-year member of the Governor's Honor Club, five year member of Future Farmers of America, placed first in the SOSU Curriculum contest in electronics, Silo High School bowling team, Chickasaw Nation summer youth program and outstanding Indian Senior Student of the Year.

He is indecisive about his future plans but has always had a passion for automotive engineer. He plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, this fall.

Chelsea Lee Pulver

Chelsea Lee Pulver is a 2007 graduate of Metro Christian Academy, Tulsa, Okla. She is the daughter of Burk and Linda Pulver. She is the granddaughter of Bob Clark, Wanda Clark, Floyd and Millie Doris, and Burdette and Myung Pulver.

Chelsea has participated in mission trips from her freshman year to her senior year, she volunteers locally, was Homecoming Queen (Miss MCA) fall 2006, vice president of student council her senior year, student council member for four years, Headmaster's Honor Roll for four years, Headmaster's Advisory Committee, debate team, Key Club and Spanish Club. She enjoys traveling, reading, public speaking and playing frisbee with friends.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in journalism, specifically in public relations.

Britney Bush

Britney Bush is a 2007 graduate of Silo High School, Silo, Okla. She is the daughter of Lynn Bush and Charlotte and Terry Morgan. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Everett McGuire, the late R.L. Bush and Wes and Carla Dillard. She is the great-granddaughter of Norman Dee Wells, original enrollee.

Britney has participated in softball, basketball (one of the captains), named basketball homecoming queen, and a cheerleader. She has been a member of Mead Baptist Church, principal's honor roll four years, Leadership Team, and listed in *Who's Who Among American Students*. She participates in Mu Alpha Theta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family Career and Community Leaders of America.

She is a concurrent student of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, and plans to attend there in the fall.

James Curt Weems

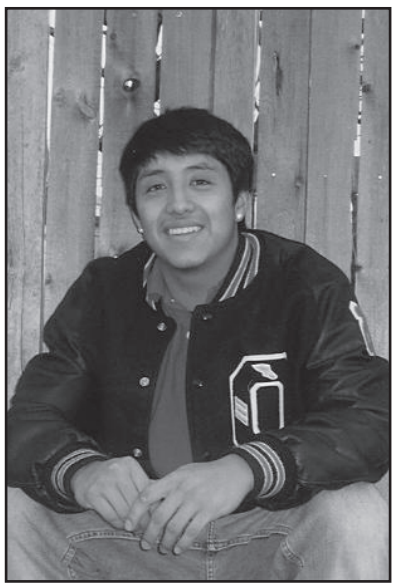
James Curt Weems is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Viola and the late Franklin (Buck) Weems. He is the grandson of Julius Walton, Liza Walton, Stella Hamilton and James Edison Weems, all deceased.

James was active in FFA. In his spare time he likes to fish and play softball.

James has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation and plans to continue working for the tribe.

CLASS OF 2007

Cameron B. Fixico



Cameron B. Fixico is a 2007 graduate of Okemah High School, Okemah, Okla. He is the son of Curtis and Donna Fixico. He is the grandson of Sarieda and the late Billy Fixico, and the late William and Harriett Hamilton.

Cameron has been active in varsity basketball three years, track two years, baseball one year, Model Congress Debate Team two years, All School Drama Team, one year, voted "Most Likely to be Remembered," member of "Team Oklahoma" basketball team – North American Indigenous Games in 2006, Denver, Colo., and Principal's Honor Roll.

He is active in his church youth group.

He plans to attend OSU – Okmulgee, Okla. You always make us proud of you and we love you!

Kayla Nicole Williams

Kayla Nicole Williams is a 2007 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is the daughter of Philip and Tallana Williams. She is the granddaughter of Hugh and Carol Williams, Rita Renner and the late Les Renner.

Kayla has taken ballet and jazz lessons for ten years. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Davis and an officer and member of the Davis Key Club.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in elementary education.

Jay Husband

Jay Husband is a 2007 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Donnie and Carla Husband. He is the grandson of Jim and Sue Buchanan, Adam Carl and Charlene Brown Bradley. He is the great-grandson of the late Lewis Keel, the late Zola Keel, the late Adam Brown and the late Mamie Brown.

Jay is salutatorian of his senior class. He was named Mr. Latta High School and was active in baseball four years, NHS, OIHS, FCA, NYLE – Washington D.C., student council and basketball three years.

Jay has committed to Lyon College in Batesville, Ark. He will be playing baseball for the Scots as he pursues a degree in business math.

Ariana J. Seidel

Ariana J. Seidel is a 2007 graduate of Unionville High School, Kennett Square, Pa. She is the daughter of Howard and Roxanne Seidel. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and LaQuita Bond and June and the late Kam Seidel.

Ariana has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years. She has served on student council and as a Peer Mentor to incoming freshman. She has participated as a member of three school choirs and has performed in the high school musicals for four years. She has cheered for four years and this year she served as the varsity cheerleading captain.

She was voted All America and All Star Cheerleader at summer camps. She earned the honor of "Most Spirited" of her senior class and was also on the homecoming court. She is the senior secretary, the high school yearbook editor and a staff writer for the school newspaper.

She is active in Young Life, serves on the Leadership Team at her church, helped to organize the 30-hour famine fundraiser for the past 3 years and is an assistant drama teacher during V.B.S.

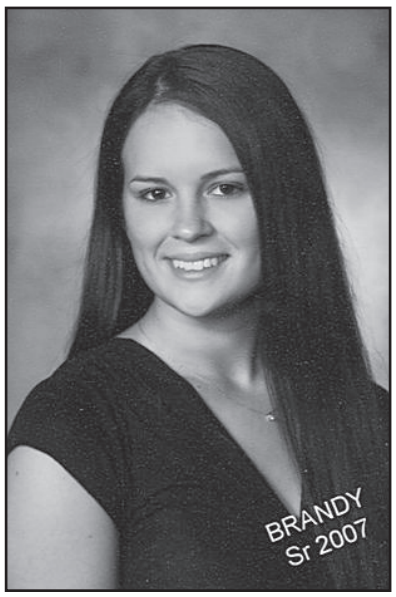
She plans to attend Penn State University in University Park, Pennsylvania where she plans to study communications with a focus on broadcast journalism and political science.

Brandy Cozad

Brandy Cozad is a 2007 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. She is the daughter of Gary Cozad and Kim Mowdy. She is the granddaughter of Alice Cozad and Joe and Sara Stephens.

Brandy was a varsity cheerleader. She was active in FCCLA, BPA, Indian club, music and vocal classes and varsity golf. She was named Chickasaw Music Student of the Month.

Brandy's future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.



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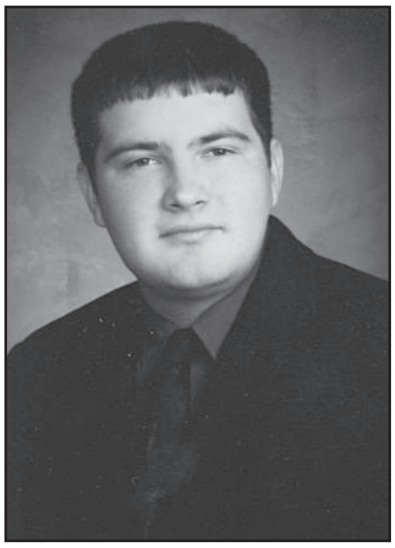
Cougar Amos

Cougar Amos is a 2007 graduate of Edmond North High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Linda Crocket. He is the grandson of Vaneus Virgil Crocket and Betty Alene Speer-Crockett.

Cougar is 19 years old. He is in the Soar Program and The Tech Program at Edmond Santa Fe High School. He is a member of the Video Game Club. He has a love for animals, especially cats and snakes. His hobbies are video games, photography, music and hanging out with friends.

He is currently enrolled in the job enhancement program at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. He plans to venture out on his own and work full time after school.

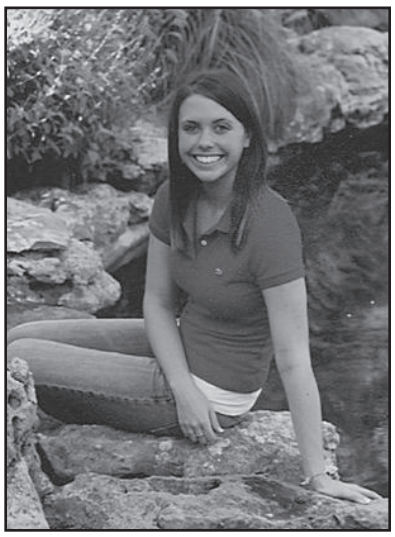


Cayanne Elise Brander

Cayanne Elise Brander is a 2007 graduate of Thomas Edison High School, Tulsa, Okla. She is the daughter of Stan and Robin Brander. She is the granddaughter of Stanley and Jean Brander.

Cayanne is pep club vice president. She is a member of the senior class board, student council, prom committee, nominated for homecoming queen and Miss Edison 2007.

She plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations College and the University of Kansas.



Carlyn Leigh Brander

Carlyn Leigh Brander is a 2007 graduate of Thomas Edison High School, Tulsa, Okla. She is the daughter of Stan and Robin Brander. She is the granddaughter of Stanley and Jean Brander.

Carlyn is senior class president. She is a member of the class board, a student council representative, prom committee, nominated for homecoming queen and Miss Edison 2007.

She plans to attend Haskell Indian College and the University of Kansas to magor in business.

Micah Frazier

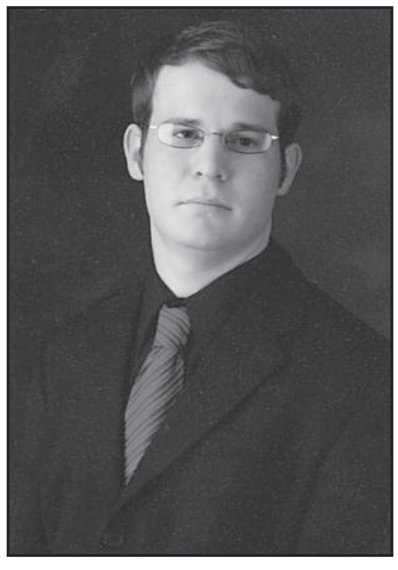
Micah Frazier is a 2007 graduate of Broken Bow High School, Broken Bow, Okla. He is the son of Willard and Sandra Frazier. He is the grandson of John and Julia McKinney, Broken Bow, and the late Joe and Ruth Frazier.

Micah has been a member of the American Indian Leadership Youth Council of BBHS for four years and was selected as "Honorary Head Man Dancer" at the AILYC spring pow wow. He played offensive guard for the Savage football team for three years, and was chosen All District 4A-4 player 2006. He was a member of Showtime Choir two years, American Indian Math and Science program based out of Oklahoma University four years, where his team won "Best use of Technology" in the 2007 science fair, he placed third in the district Accounting curriculum contest. In 2005, Micah received the "Over All Outstanding Youth Leadership Award" at the Native American Employment Youth Training Conference conducted in Warner, Okla. at Conners State College.

He enjoys playing football, stickball, video games and hanging out with friends. His favorite foods are tacos, pizza and cheeseburgers.

He plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University after graduation.

Jared L. Wingo



Jared L. Wingo is a 2007 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Pam and Scott Wingo. He is the grandson of Donald L. and Zelma Stephens, Darlene and Farrell Donaghey and Bob and Jean Wingo.

Jared is a four-year letterman in band, four-time recipient of the East Central Oklahoma Band Director's Association All-District band, recipient of the Oklahoma Baptist Honor Band, All-State Soloist, All-State Ensemble member and All-State Band.

He is a member Oklahoma All-Star Centennial Band, two-year letterman in golf, Youth Leadership Oklahoma Class VI, listed in *Who's Who Among High School Students*, National Honor Society of High School Honors, National Honor Society and Oklahoma Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll and Chickasaw Honor Roll.

He has been the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo District president the past two years and served on the Chickasaw Nation Executive Youth Council. He volunteers for the Sulphur Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club. He has been selected as a member of the University of Oklahoma's President Leadership Class, pursuing an opportunity to continue his musical journey with the University of Oklahoma, to represent the university as a musical ambassador for the Pride of Oklahoma's Marching Band.

He has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma with a declared major of Aerospace Engineering.

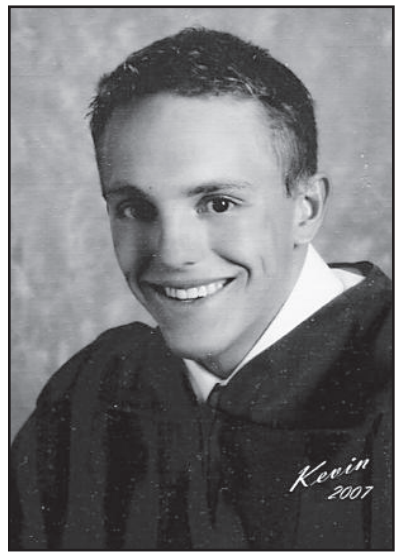
Teena Kay Bailey

Teena Kay Bailey is a 2007 graduate of A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet High School, Augusta, Ga. She is the daughter of Paul and Cecilia Bailey. She is the granddaughter of the late S.D. and Lydia Bailey and the late Cecil Powell Sr. and Mrs. Jeanne Powell.

Teena is a member of the Medical Technology Program, Ecology Club and will graduate with a Distinction and Dual Seal in college Prep and Tech Prep.

She plans to pursue a medical career at a Health Science University.

Kevin Bohn



Kevin Bohn is a 2007 graduate of Mount Saint Mary High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Dr. Tim and Shelley Colbert Bohn. He is the grandson of the late Dixie and Ruby Colbert of Sulphur, Okla.

Kevin has been named a 2007 National Merit Finalist, valedictorian of his senior class, a member of the National Honor Society and a University of Tulsa Presidential Scholar. His other honors include: 2004 Football All-District Place Kicker and 2006 Football All-District Defensive Back.

He plans to attend the University of Tulsa, where he will major in biology as a pre-med student.

Christian E. Williams

Christian E. Williams is a 2007 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Marilyn Coltz and Quintin Williams and the stepson of Kerry Everett. He is the grandson of Floyd and Elizabeth Williams, Jackie and Williams Standifer, and the late Larry and Nancy Coltz.

Christian is Chickasaw, Kiowa and Cheyenne-Arapaho; however he has chosen to become a registered voter for the Chickasaw Nation. Throughout high school he has participated in many activities including basketball, football, band, Indian Education Challenge Bowl and Ada High stick ball games. He has received several awards and honors: JOM Student of the Year and Student of the Month and Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor roll.

Christian has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. After graduation he will attend basic training in San Diego, Calif. After basic training he plans to train for the U.S. Marine aviation crew. This training will take place in either California, Florida Stateside or in Japan overseas. After he completes the required trainings he will attend college.

His mom and sister Candace will truly miss him and would like him to know that we love him and that our prayers and hearts are with him no matter where his road may lead.

Tyler Matthew Braswell

Tyler Matthew Braswell is a 2007 graduate of McCluer High School, Florissant, Mo. Tyler is the son of David Keith Braswell and Barbara Parkey Braswell. He is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. W.C. Parkey, Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. David Braswell, St. Louis, Mo. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees Nellie Fay Randolph Parkey and Elizabeth (Betty) Williams Randolph.

Tyler's grandfather, W.C. Parkey, mother Barbara Braswell, and all of his siblings are members of the Chickasaw Nation. His father for many years was a store manager for the J.C. Penny stores, he is now the head of the Information Technology Department at the World Evangelism Center in Hazelwood, MO.

Tyler is an accomplished drummer and guitar player and has played the trumpet and drums in the McCluer High School Band. He also used his skills in church activities including leading in worship at his church, New Life Center of Bridgeton , Mo.

He is employed after school and in the summer at Weedman Lawn Care as a salesman for their services to homeowners.

He also has been involved in the Bible quizzing activity at his local church since he was five years old and has won many awards. Tyler's father, grandfather and uncles are ministers and it is Tyler's desire to be in some sort of ministry. As a musician, he would like to further his musical prowess as much as possible.

He plans to attend college or Bible school in his home area where he can continue his employment.

Jordan Crossley

Jordan Lee Crossley is a 2007 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Vickie Crossley. He is the grandson of Gayle and Martha Lewis and Lee and Nina Crossley.

Jordan's activies include: valedectorian of his graduating class, 2006 Boy's State, voted NHS Most Intelligent 2007, vice president of his senior class, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Academic Scholar, 2005 and 2006 2nd team All District lineman in football, Duke University Talent Identification Program, page in the Oklahoma Senate for Sen. Anthony Sykes and a participant in the summer youth work program.

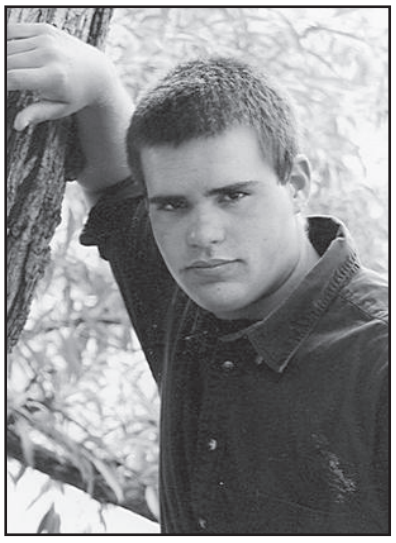
Fallon Pursiville

Fallon Pursiville is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School, Ada Okla. She is the daughter of Frank and Shawna Pursiville. She is the granddaughter of T.W. and Opal Sims.

Fallon is a member of band, FFA, music and art. She has enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard.

She plans to attend college to receive a degree in horticulture.

Brandon Little



Brandon Little is a 2007 graduate of Longmont High School, Longmont, Colo. He is the son of William and Leslie Little. He is the grandson of Dorathy Nichols and the late Gordon Nichols.

Brandon lettered in varsity swim four years, swim team captain and lettered in football management. He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athlete, National Honor Society, El Pomar Youth in Community Service, lettered in academic, and Academic Excellence Award.

He plans to attend Colorado State University and major in political science (pre-law) with a minor in economics.

Thank you for all the high school and college Chickasaw graduate submissions. Late arrivals will be published in the June 2007 issue.

Chickasaw College Graduates

Alicia Christina Paul

Alicia Christina Paul is a 2006 graduate from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. She is the daughter of Michael and Christine Paul. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Haskell, Ada, Okla.

Alicia Paul, RN, received her bachelor of science degree cum laude. She graduated in the class of 2006 with a major in nursing and minor in german. She was a member of the National Student Nurses' Association, and remains active in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Alicia was accepted into the Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program at University Hospital in Albuquerque. This program is one of only 21 nationally accredited sites.

She is currently working in the Medical/ Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at University Hospital.

Charleen Janel Rosson

Charleen Janel Rosson is a 2007 graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva. She is the daughter of Belva and Chuck Rosson. She is the granddaughter of CT Rosson, Carolyn Cook and Carter and Belva (Lawson) Haught.

Charleen received her degree in health and physical education with a minor in agriculture.

Christine J. Kniffen

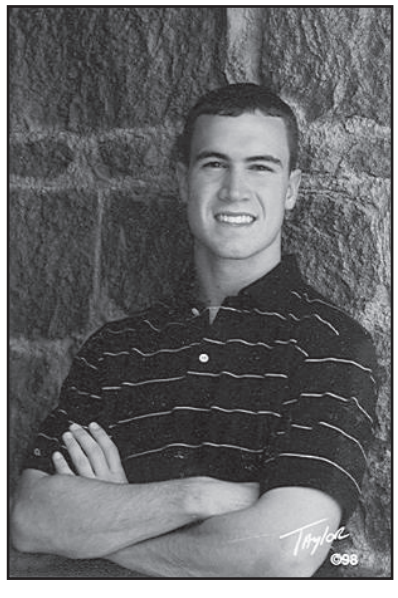
Christine J. Kniffin is a 2007 graduate of Oklahoma University. She is the daughter of Davina and Larry Kniffin. She is the granddaughter of Christine and David Nichols.

Christine will receive her bachelors degree in political science with a double minor in history and criminal justice. She was a member of the Gamma Beta Phi (National Honor Society.)

A special thanks to the family and friends for their continuous support, we also thank the Chickasaw Nation with out there help a bachelors degree would not have been possible.

Chiholloli Christine!

Cody Patrick Greenhaw



Cody Patrick Greenhaw is a 2007 graduate of Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla. He is the son of Nancy Ross, Hot Springs, Ark., and Larry Greenhaw, Edmond, Okla. He is the grandson of John and Vinita Pruett and Richard and Betty Greenhaw, all of Edmond.

Cody graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in zoology, he then attended Northeastern State University College of Optometry and will graduate in May 2007.

He has been a member of the American Optometric Association, Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and vice president of the 2007 graduating class.

Adventures emerge from the 'dustbin of history'

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

With mounting anticipation, I reached to open the first of thirteen small archival boxes on my cart. I was at the National Archives branch in College Park, Maryland, early last month to photocopy U.S. Treasury Department records associated with Chickasaw removal to Indian Territory during the 1830s and 1840s.

This box, like all of them, I was to discover, was about 15" (long) by 10" (high) by 3" (deep) and weighed about 10 pounds. I lifted up the lid and probably groaned, or made some audible sign of disgust. The records, arranged horizontally and packed tightly into the box, were coated with what appeared to be more than a century and a half of dust. Or maybe the government had stored them on the bed of a pickup in Death Valley for awhile. At any rate, the sight was about as appealing as rotting food.

Most of the records were folded into thirds but the majority of them were grouped according to transaction and tucked inside papers folded to resemble envelopes and tied up with little pieces of colored ribbon. In box one, there appeared to be hundreds or thousands of them. (Imagine how many folded letter-sized papers you could cram into fifteen inches.) Given the fragile state of the "envelopes" which hadn't been opened in more than 150 years, opening and copying each set was taking two to four minutes.

At this point, I returned to my cart and with great apprehension opened the other twelve boxes. To my dismay and alarm, the contents appeared to be quite similar to the first: filthy and jammed into place. What had I gotten myself into? I had only handled a few packets, but already my fingers were turning black. Absent-mindedly, I scratched my forehead and left an Ash Wednesday-like smudge.

The collection had been discovered last year by Dr. Daniel Littlefield of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Dan had been doing research for a book-length manuscript on Chickasaw Removal. He e-mailed me the location information and a few lines about the contents of part of box one. In response to my question about estimating how much time would be needed to photocopy the collection, he thought about two days. *Two days!?* At the rate I was going, it looked more like a week, provided the contents didn't cause me to develop a severe allergic reaction, like anaphylactic shock.

After copying carefully but quickly for an hour, I was bumped from machine number 5. The rule is, researchers are limited to an hour if demand exceeds supply. (There are a lot of copies but not enough at peak times.) I added my name to the waiting list and after fifteen minutes got another copier for another hour. After two hours of copying, I had advanced about two inches in box one. An inch an hour. With a sinking feeling, I realized the impossibility of my goal of copying the records in the three days I had scheduled.

Fortunately, I learned that I could sign up to use a photocopier for a full day and was lucky enough to get one on both days two and three. Although I had no time to read the records, I could see that hundreds (or thousands) were simply payment receipts for clerks who staffed the enormous bureaucracy associated with Chickasaw Removal. I was developing a bad feeling that perhaps most of this collection dealt with such minutia.

Just before noon on day one, the researcher at the next machine developed a pretty bad-sounding cough. I figured she must be working with records similar to mine. I felt my throat starting to constrict and soon I had going my own dry, wracking cough.

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After lunch, as I was carrying box one to the copier, a reading room clerk flagged me down and said she wanted to inspect the contents of the box. I opened the lid and her expression probably mirrored my own when I got my first look. "These cannot be copied," she declared, her horrified expression fixed on the records. "Hun-uh, no way!"

"What?!" I said, though I had heard her very well.

"These records are in very bad shape," she said. "They are just brittle. They would come apart in your hands," she predicted, without actually touching any of them."

"Well, I *have* been copying them," I said. "And some are brittle but most are okay," I certainly haven't been destroying them." (A few did come apart in my hands as I was unfolding them.)

"Hun-uh," she said again. Then, she summoned a supervisor, who took a look, asked to see the other boxes and after a suspenseful minute or two not only affirmed the clerk's decision but elaborated on it by saying that the papers should not even be unfolded. Realizing that my mission was about to be aborted, I asked what the point to having the records was if they could not be examined or copied.

"Preservation," the supervisor said quickly. "That's our main mission. Helping researchers is secondary."

Speaking with a tone that I hoped would pass for authority but being careful not to raise my voice, I explained the background. The Chickasaw Nation had sent me, the tribal historian, there to photocopy these records that "we consider very important to our more complete understanding of Removal. I plan to be here for three days." The supervisor seemed to relent a bit.

I asked if the tribe were to pay for the service would the Archives staff photocopy or digitally photograph the records. No, he said, for the same reason. The records are in terrible shape. But he said he was going to find his supervisor.

The supervisor's supervisor evidently had some customer service component to his job. Instead of scowling, acting defensive and digging in his heels, he smiled, extended his hand and asked me for my perspective. After I repeated my story, he amiably and quickly fixed on a compromise. He would assign a staff member immediately to begin going through the boxes and tab the records deemed to be unfit for copying. Given the Archives' chronically understaffed labor pool, I considered this solution to be near miraculous. Nonetheless, a young man, perhaps a college student, was recruited for the effort, and I took another break to allow him time to get through box one.

Later, box one was returned to me with several tabs attached to various packets of papers. Maybe 10 to 15 percent had been tabbed, but I was unable then or later to discern differences in embargoed records and the rest. However, I realized that because significant numbers of records could not be copied, the goal of having a comprehensive

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Samples from the Chickasaw Removal Collection

** Numerous documents involving payments to and claims of Simeon Buckner, who was contracted to move 5,338 emigrating Chickasaws by steamboat from Memphis to Fort Coffee, located on the Arkansas River north of Spiro, Oklahoma.

**Receipts and accompanying documents for payments made to Chickasaw leaders regarding their work in preparation for Removal.

**Lengthy list of interest payments to Chickasaws identified as incompetents (which essentially referred to full-blood Indians or those with high quantums of Indian blood.

**Muster rolls of Chickasaws emigrating to Indian Territory in the mid-1840s.

** 1837 Emigration documents noting the federal government contractor (usually Millard), the number of Chickasaws emigrating (one to more than 400), departure and arrival dates and the amounts of beef, corn and salt provided.

**Much correspondence regarding the claims of Chief Pitman Colbert for services rendered from 1832 to 1846. Many of these letters are signed by King Ish-te-ho-to-pa and the tribal chiefs.

**Two documents related to the emigration of 88-year-old Malcolm McGee, long-time tribal translator who apparently had been adopted by the tribe.

** Numerous receipts for interest payments to individually named Chickasaws in November and December 1840. The interest accrued from payments for Chickasaw land.

**Lists of hundreds of Chickasaw tribal members recorded in different years throughout the 1840s. In the latter years, more English names appear. Some of the lists also contain a bit of family information. The last two chronologically contained in the first six boxes of the collection are the Chickasaw annuity rolls paid at Post Oak Grove and Perry's Court Ground in March 1848.

The lists of individual names illustrate both the variety and similarity of hundreds of Chickasaw names in the 1840s. Most of these names are unknown to us, but once these records are accessioned into the tribal archives, they may be reviewed by the public. The following excerpted list of names was recorded by an American bureaucrat, probably spelled phonetically as he heard it, at the Choctaw Agency in 1843:

Shu tah cha
No hun tubby
Stu lut ka
Eyah ki ka
Tush e mathla
Cha took wah
Onah hubby
Ta ka ho ka
Ewock ah tubby
Tup pa lah
Shah unkry
Talle she kah
Po la cha
Wa hummubby
She hi cubby
Emubby
Min ki yo pa
I yock hatah
Eno wah tubby
Mein ri zopa
Tush e math la

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ANNUAL READERS' SURVEY

Please take a few moments to complete and return this *Chickasaw Times* readers' survey. Your rankings and comments are very important. Your responses will be received by the staff of the *Chickasaw Times*. You may include your name, address and phone, but it is not required. We are primarily interested in your comments. Please return the completed form to: *Chickasaw Times*, 2612 East Arlington St., Suite B, Ada, OK 74820.

Thanks for your help!

Please circle the number you feel best represents your ranking of how the newspaper is doing overall in the categories listed. 1 is the lowest, or "poor" ranking; 5 is the highest, or "excellent" ranking.

	Poor		Average		Excellent
Front page articles	1	2	3	4	5
Front page photographs	1	2	3	4	5
Legislative minutes	1	2	3	4	5
Governor's report	1	2	3	4	5
Feature articles	1	2	3	4	5
News of Chickasaw people	1	2	3	4	5
Chickasaw government	1	2	3	4	5
General photographs	1	2	3	4	5
General articles	1	2	3	4	5
Obituaries	1	2	3	4	5
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The *Chickasaw Times* is published monthly. Do you think that is:

- Not enough
- Too often
- About right

The *Chickasaw Times* contains news about tribal government, including news of the tribal legislature and the governor. Do you think the coverage is:

- Not enough
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- About right

An increasing emphasis is being placed on feature stories about Chickasaw people and events. Would you like to see:

- More feature stories
- Less feature stories
- About the same

When do you generally receive your copy of the *Chickasaw Times* during the month?

- First week
- Second week
- Third week
- Fourth week

We are interested in your general comments about the *Chickasaw Times*. Please use the space below to tell us in your own words anything you would like about the newspaper and your suggestions for improvement.

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record was out the window. In that case, there seemed little point to copying every piece of the thousands and thousands of records.

I decided to operate more selectively by looking for and copying records that could tell the tribe more about their ancestors. As it turned out, there seemed to be plenty of those.

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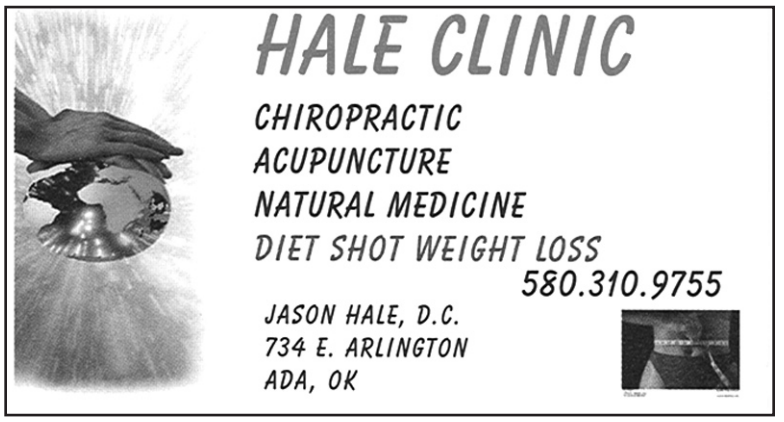
Still, new problems cropped up. On day two, a new man had been assigned to evaluate the contents of the boxes, but his selection hadn't been announced to him apparently during the first hour of operation. Finally, he began with box two. But after a half hour or so I noticed he was making very little progress. I had time to monitor his progress because I had finished box one and was stalled and annoyed.

I sidled up to him and introduced myself. I tried not to look mad, but rather proud that I had completed one box and was "ready to tear into box two." Evidently, this peppy approach didn't work. After another half hour of work, the man left the room. He returned almost an hour later. I told him more firmly this time that I was waiting on him. "Well," he said, "looks like I'll have to speed up." And like a light being switched on, he went into a relative warp speed and completed screening eleven more boxes by the end of day two.

Unfortunately, I could not switch into warp speed and continued plodding along, often one document at a time…hour by hour…until my time was up on day three. I was well into box six, meaning I was at the half-way mark. I'll return later this year to finish photocopying selected records from the other seven boxes.

During my copying whirlwind, I often had to stifle the urge to stop and study some of what appeared to be tantalizing and intriguing records—especially letters written by or about prominent Chickasaws. But I saw enough bits and pieces of these records, virtually unseen since probably 1850, to be sure that the eventual dividends (using the Treasury records' own lingo) to the tribe and scholars interested in the Removal era will be well worth the expense (and my temporary aggravations.)

The accompanying sidebar includes a few examples of what I mean.



Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission:_____ Regional Chickasaw Council:_____

Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Fax Number:_____

Email address:_____

Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

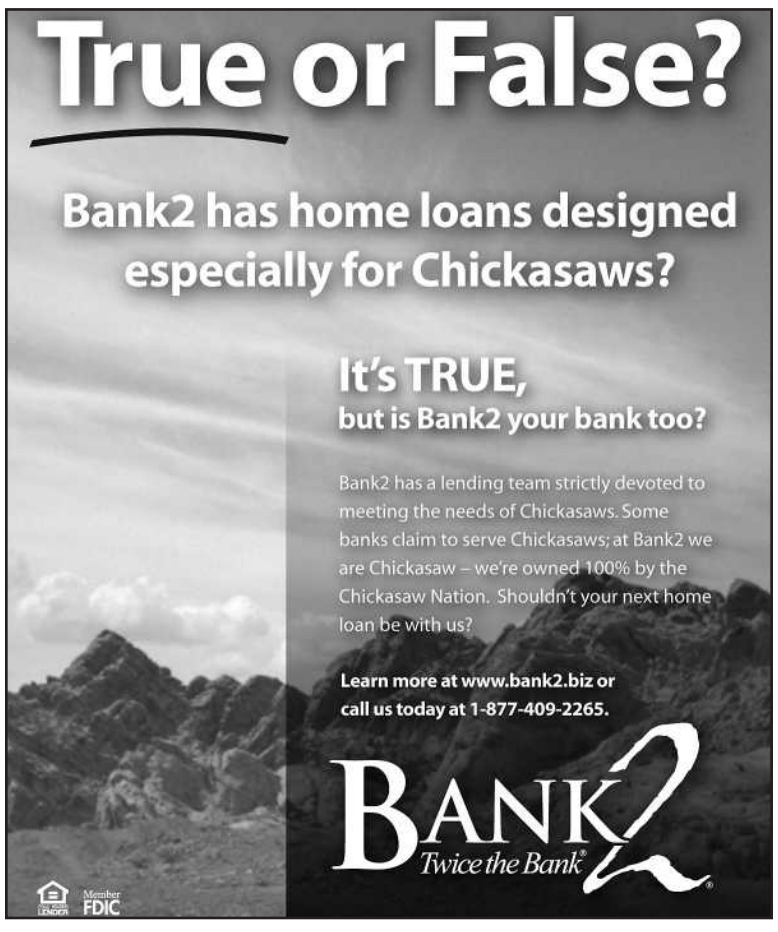
Other contact person:_____

Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation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Jane Liddell Pipins

Jane Liddell Pipins, died April 8, 2007. She was born July 17, 1921 to Daniel Vernon and Minnie Keel Liddell. She was the middle of 11 children.

She married Joseph Pipins and they moved to Parker Dam, Calif., in 1941 to work on building the dam. They raised their children, Joe, Marvin "Butch," Sandra and Donnie Earl in the Parker Dam Village until his death in 1967. She then divided her time between the family homestead in Marietta, Okla., and her children's homes in Southern California.

She enjoyed visiting with friends and family. She was an avid cook and enjoyed feeding her "masses." In the last years, she was always quick to comment oh how big Parker had become and she couldn't get over how much traffic there was.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

She will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends, who she was fondly known as "Granny"

We love you Granny.

Keith Carney

Keith Carney, 43, died March 8, 2007 at Alta View Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah. Graveside services were April 14, 2007 at Pickens Baptist Church, McMillan, Okla., with Rev. Randy Baptiste officiating. To honor his request "Amazing Grace" was sung in Chickasaw/Choctaw and English and the 23rd Psalms was read.

He was a Chickasaw citizen.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Augusta La Fountaine; and a brother, Martin Carney.

He is survived by his father, Sam Carney, Ardmore, Okla.; brothers Glen, Johnny, Nick, Dennis; and a sister, Teresa Freeman.

Mary Elaine Griffith

Mary Elaine Griffith, 84, died March 10, 2007 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Harlingen, Texas.

She was born July 20, 1922 at Goldsby, Okla., to Richard O. Goldsby and Luda Mary Turner Goldsby.

She graduated from Washington (OK) High School in 1940. She married Jay H. Griffin that same year and they moved to Long Beach, Calif., where he did painting apprenticeship. After a time they returned to Oklahoma to begin their family.

Mrs. Griffith tried her hand as an entrepreneur spending one summer dragging her young daughters around to construction sites selling cold bottles of soft drinks to the workers. It didn't take her long to figure out it would be a lot easier working for someone else. She spent a couple of years working at Johnson Dairy, a dry cleaners and an insurance agency. She later became the medical record librarian for Norman Municipal Hospital and remained there for several years.

She was a past Worthy Advisor of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of White Shrine. She was a member of Washington Methodist Church. Her favorite hobbies were playing bridge and working with ceramics.

She and Jay Griffin divorced in 1963. She later married Max Griffith and they divorced in 1976.

She was quick witted and feisty right up to her death. She was raised on her father's Chickasaw allotment at Goldsby. Her grandmother Daisy Turner donated land from her allotment to begin the town of Washington. Her grandfather, FW Goldsby donated allotted land for the town and Church of Goldsby. She is a direct descendent of James Logan Colbert and Thomas Love.

In 2003 she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and A.D. Mitchell. The three of them along with their dogs lived the summers at her house an spent the winters at the Mitchell's home in Harlingen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, R.O. Goldsby, Jr., and Turner Goldsby; sister-in-laws, Joyce and Marie; her beloved aunt, Mary Jo Turner; a daughter Donna Jaye Griffin; and her best friend, her Pomeranian, Josh.

He is survived by her daughters, Nancy Mitchell and husband, A.D., and Vicki Hale and husband, Larry; grandchildren, Kristi Rene Largin, Kimberly Dawn Fredrickson and Brandon Hale; five great-grandchildren; a niece; and five nephews.

Services were at the Washington Cemetery.

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Mr. Woods explained how GR24-004 derived, was tabled in the February 16, 2007 session, and referred back to committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to take PR24-004 from the table.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR24-020 carried.

Mr. Woods read PR24-004 in its entirety.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR24-004.

Ms. Hartman stated her main concern was the shortened period of time for citizens to returned their ballots. Therefore, she would not support PR24-004.

Mrs. Alexander stated she would not support PR24-004 because of the increase of filing fee for the gubernatorial race and because of the shortened period of time for ballots to be returned.

A roll call was taken.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve PR24-004 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments from Mike Watson

Mr. Watson commented on past business ventures and his disapproval of how the Legislature handled them.

Mr. James Humes voiced his disappointment with the current Legislature because of their actions.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to adjourn.

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Briggs, Secretary

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